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**49th Soldier
dies in Iraq****Staff report**

First Sgt. Timmy J. Millsap, 39, of Wichita, Kan., died April 25 in Taji, Iraq, as a result of injuries sustained from an improvised explosive device that detonated near his vehicle.



Millsap was a combat engineer with Company A, 70th Engineer Battalion, 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division.

He joined the Army in December 1984. Millsap had been stationed at Fort Riley since January 1999.

This was his second rotation to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He had deployed with 3rd Brigade in March 2003 and returned in March 2004.

About 4,300 Fort Riley Soldiers are currently deployed to support Operation Iraqi Freedom. This incident brings the number of Fort Riley Soldiers who have died while serving in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom to 49.

**Around
The Army****Korea:**

The Pacific Stars and Stripes reported April 28 that the U.S. and South Korean governments finalized a budget agreement April 26 for maintaining American troops in the country, but that it falls short of what U.S. officials say is needed to cover their current costs.

A U.S. Embassy official confirmed that both governments have initiated a two-year cost-sharing agreement that requires the South Koreans to pay 680.4 billion won (about \$680 million) annually.

For more on this story and other U.S. military news in the Pacific and European theaters, visit www.esrises.com on the Web.

Fort Knox:

The Turret reported April 21 that pills and tablets containing pseudoephedrine disappeared from post exchange shelves this month as Fort Knox moved to support new Kentucky legislation to curb illegal use of the decongestant used to create methamphetamine.

Such over-the-counter products have been replaced with gels and liquids containing decongestant, according to Fort Knox AAFES General Manager Dana Johnson.

For more on this story and other Fort Knox news, visit www.thenewenterprise.com/turret/ on the Web.

Fort Gordon:

The Signal reported April 22 that a new Signal military occupational specialty is on its way. The proposed job title is Nodal Network Systems Operator Maintainer, or more simply, 25N.

Military struggles with health costs

By Doug Sample

AFPS

WASHINGTON — Rising medical costs and the expansion of health benefits for retirees, Guardsmen and Reservists, and

their families, are putting a strain on the military health care system, Defense Department health and personnel officials told members of Congress April 21.

"Rising health care costs are not unique to the military health system; it's a national concern,

and we are struggling with it," Dr. William Winkler Jr., assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, said in testimony before the personnel subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

David S.C. Chu, undersec-

tary of defense for personnel and readiness, also testified at the hearing.

He said rising costs can also be attributed to increased enrollment in TRICARE benefit programs. Chu said improvements in TRICARE benefits have made the

health plan "widely accepted" by servicemembers, retirees and their families.

And, he added, "others seek to join this program," referring to retirees over age 65, who joined

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Road wars



Spec. Scott Sharpe (left) and 1st Lt. Liam Knott, Battery A, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, watch for the enemy during their convoy live-fire exercise.

Support unit overcomes training's rough ride

By Gary Skidmore

Command Information Officer

"We know the single biggest threat to the American Soldier in Iraq is the emplaced improvised explosive device and now more prevalently the vehicle borne IED," said Master Sgt. Teddy Brown, non-commissioned officer-in-charge of the Convoy Live Fire Course, 3rd Brigade, 75th Division (Training Support).

Of the 49 Soldiers from Fort Riley units killed during Operation Iraqi Freedom, 29 have died as a result of IEDs, eight from hostile fire, four from rocket-propelled grenades and nine from non-combat injuries, said Sam Robinson, assistant media relations officer at Fort Riley. Hundreds more have been wounded during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

With units like Headquarters and Company A, 101st Forward Support Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, spending so much time on the road, the possibility of ambush, enemy attack and employment of IEDs increases.

"This unit delivered more than a million gallons of fuel in Iraq the last time they were there," said Capt. Eric Gouldthorpe, company commander for Hqs. and Co. A. "They convoyed more than 20,000 miles, delivering thousands of pounds of materials," Gouldthorpe said. "Convoy live-fire training is necessary for our Soldiers to survive in Iraq."

Convoy commander for this particular exercise was 1st Lt. John Quinn, a veteran of the battalion's last rotation to Iraq. He said training the new Soldiers coming into



Pfc. Eric Taveras (center), Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, treats a simulated wounded Soldier as part of the convoy live-fire exercise his unit participated in.

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Service honors accident victims

By Jay Baker

Public affairs intern

Fort Riley Soldiers, friends and family members gathered April 21 to remember Spec. Wesley S. Gordon and Pfc. Philip M. Christensen at a memorial service in Morris Hill Chapel.

Gordon and Christensen were killed April 19 when the M113 Armored Personnel Carrier they were in rolled over during training at Fort Riley. The Soldiers were combat

engineers assigned to Company A, 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division.

"I was Spec. Gordon's first squad leader at Fort Riley. I met him at replacement. He said he came in from the reserves and didn't know anything," said Staff Sgt. Johnny Carney.

"We'll get you trained," Carney said he told the new arrival.

"In the brief time I knew Spec. Gordon, I was very impressed by him as a Soldier and as a family man," Car-

ney said.

Another Soldier paid tribute to Christensen's competition drive and desire to be the best.

"I remember meeting Phil on his first day here during physical training. Christensen ran next to me the whole time, but near the end of the race he whizzed right by," said Spec. Peter Johnson of Co. A, 1st Eng. Bn.

Christensen was more than just a friend, he was a brother—a relationship sealed with blood, sweat and tears, Johnson said.



Post/Baker

Ceremonial boots, rifles and helmets decorate the front of Morris Hill Chapel for the recent memorial service honoring two Fort Riley Soldiers.





Post news in brief

Detachment closes for move

The personnel detachment will be moving to Building 212 May 2-13. Customer services will be limited and handled by appointment only while the move takes place.

To schedule an appointment, call 239-5218 for customer services, 239-4339 for officer records, 239-9727 for officer promotion, 239-5917 for enlisted promotion, 239-5810 for enlisted evaluation and 239-9295 for officer evaluation. Normal operation will resume in Building 212 on May 16.

Education staff plans graduation

The combined graduation ceremony at Fort Riley will be 1 p.m. June 9 at King Field House. Counseling services at the learning centers will not be available the afternoon of June 9 because of the ceremony.

Fort Riley military personnel, family members and civilian personnel who are graduates of local college or SOCAD college programs are invited to participate in the post-wide graduation ceremony.

For more information about participation, call 239-64811.

Crews to flush water system

Public Works crews will continue efforts to keep Fort Riley's water clear by flushing the water distribution system starting May 2.

The flushing schedule is:

May 2 – Main Post and Whiteside areas
May 3 – Custer Hill housing areas
May 4 – Custer Hill troop area
May 5 – Custer Hill motor pool areas
May 7 – Forsyth, Funston, Marshall Army Air Field areas

Flushing of the water mains will begin at 8 a.m. May 2 and continue until complete.

Occupants of the areas being flushed should refrain from doing laundry and using hot water during this period. Flushing can cause discoloration in the water, which could stain laundry.

To facilitate flushing, drivers are asked not to park directly across from fire hydrants.

When flushing is complete, area occupants should clear the water lines in their quarters. This is accomplished by opening all cold water faucets and letting them run until the water runs clear.

The hot water faucets should be opened next to clear any remaining discoloration.

The time required for the water to clear depends on the amount of water used during the flushing.

If the water does not clear up after 30 minutes, users should notify the Service Order Desk at 239-0900.

For more information, call Don Wainwright at 239-3908 during normal working hours.

Travel customer hours change

To better serve its customers, the 24th Infantry Division (Mech) G8 travel staff changed its office hours. The travel cells are open from 7:30 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The travel staff is located in Room 124, Building 512. Customers should use the south end of the building to enter.

For more information, call Suzi Floberg at 239-2858.

ID Card Center to move May 16

The ID Card Center will be closed May 16 May so it can be moved to Building 212 on Main Post.

For more information, call Gary Morris at 239-5667 or 239-9202.



Post/Heronemus
Departing Deputy Garrison Commander Helen Gough addresses well-wishers attending her retirement ceremony at Cavalry Parade Field April 21.

Deputy completes career

Gough bids farewell after 33 years on post

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

A blustery, flag-popping wind blew over the crowd at Fort Riley's Cavalry Parade Field, adding some typical Kansas weather to the departure ceremony for Deputy Garrison Commander Helen Gough.

Gough formally ended 33 years of federal service at America's Warfighting Center with her retirement ceremony April 21. Linda Hoeffner succeeds Gough as the top civilian administrator for installation activities.

As deputy Garrison Commander to Col. John Simpson, Gough was responsible for managing the day-to-day post operations and providing administrative program direction to directors and special staffs handling finance, engineering, environmental issues, information technology, logistics,

community activities, housing, education, personnel and fire services.

Simpson called Gough one of his heroes. He often talks about Soldiers being heroes because they put their lives on the line every day. "Helen didn't put her life on the line every day," but she put her personal life on hold many times in order to serve the Fort Riley community, he said.

Through her work over the years, Gough has positively touched the lives of all Soldiers and their families at Fort Riley and the civilian workforce on post, Simpson said, praising the superior work she has done.

That work has earned Gough many distinctions through the years, including the 2004 Installation Management Agency Stalwart Award for the Northwest Region, the Meritorious Civilian Service Award, the Superior Civilian Service Award, two

Commander's Awards for Civilian Service and the Achievement Medal for Civilian Service.

Gough began her career in 1972 as a library technician. She worked three years in the management division of the comptroller's office.

She then moved to the Directorate of Public Works, where she spent 17 years before being named deputy to the garrison commander.

In her departure remarks, Gough recalled the many changes and challenges she had seen Fort Riley face during her 33 years in federal service. Fort Riley faces more changes and more challenges today, she said, and it will continue to face changes and meet challenges in the future.

She was confident, Gough said, that the post would continue to successfully meet those challenges and develop as changes required it to move forward.

K-State Cadets improve at march

Kansas State University

MANHATTAN – Ten Army ROTC cadets from Kansas State University spent part of their spring break at White Sands Missile Range in the desert near Las Cruces, N.M., to compete in the Bataan Memorial Death March – a challenging 26.2-mile military marathon.

The competition, now in its 16th year, is conducted annually to honor the heroic servicemembers who defended the Philippine Islands during World War II. This year, more than 3,500 people from across the United States and nine different nations competed.

This year, the K-State "Powercats" Men's Heavy ROTC team, carrying 35-pound rucksacks, took second place among 19 teams. For the first time, K-State fielded a second competitive team, the K-State "Powercats" Military Co-ed Light, who competed wearing military uniforms without rucksacks. They team placed fourth among 23 teams.

K-State Army ROTC cadets have competed in the event for the past four years. Their best finish before this year was fifth place last year in the ROTC light category.

Cadets participating in the marches included:

Sophomores Jerad Linder and Michael Weilbacher in Men's Heavy ROTC team; junior Adam Cowan and sophomore Donald Indermuehle in Men's Heavy ROTC; senior Ashlea Cleveland in Military Co-ed Light; senior and team captain Derek Leeds in Military Co-ed Light; junior Keith Gilbert, senior Kasandra Bugay and sophomore Alex Balk in Military Co-ed Light and senior and team captain Merlin Kynaston in Men's Heavy ROTC.

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TRICARE for Life, and Reservists, who can begin enrolling in TRICARE Reserve Select this month.

However, he said, the popularity of TRICARE programs has brought with it "substantial cost."

Expense doubles within one year

Winkenwerder pointed out that expenses for TRICARE have grown rapidly, doubling over the past five years from \$18 billion to nearly \$36 billion this year.

If the current trend continues, the program's total budget could top \$50 billion within five years, he said.

By 2010, Winkenwerder estimated, about 70 percent of the health budget will be spent caring for retirees.

"The facts show that our expansion of health benefits, such as those for our senior retirees, underlies the growth, and that growth could put today's operations and sustainment at risk," he said.

In addition, the expansion of health care benefits to retirees has led to increased pharmacy costs. Winkenwerder said the cost of TRICARE's pharmacy program has increased 500 percent since 2001, with costs approaching \$6 billion this year.

Department tries control measures

He said the department is trying to control some of those costs by implementing "performance-based" budgets and improving TRICARE's pharmacy program with a new formulary and using federal pricing for its retail pharmacy network.

In addition, he said, TRICARE contracts are now designed to "leverage private-sector methods" in order to control purchased health care costs.

Still, he added, management actions alone, even dramatic ones, would not stem the rapid growth in spending.

"That is because benefit expansion and rising utilization are the driving forces in sending these costs upward," he explained.

Winkenwerder said part of TRICARE's problem is that the

program's benefit structure has not kept pace with changes in the private sector or industry. For example, enrollment fees and cost shares for TRICARE have not increased in a decade, he said.

Winkenwerder pointed out that while TRICARE cost shares have remained "unchanged" over the past five years, those for private health care firms have risen significantly.

For instance, cost shares for Kaiser Permanente Mid-Atlantic region rose 57 percent, and those for Blue Cross Standard rose 87 percent.

"This has persuaded a growing number of our beneficiaries to drop their private coverage and to fully rely upon TRICARE," he said.

Winkenwerder cautioned the committee that the "low out-of-pocket costs and outstanding benefit" that TRICARE provides will drive "all of our retirees (to) rely on TRICARE instead of their employer-based plans in just a few years."

Challenge pinned on benefits' design

"Simply put, we face a tremendous challenge with a benefit design that does not always reward the efficient use of care," he said, "and that is increasingly out of step with employer plans."

However, he told the subcommittee, the department is looking at viable options to contain costs.

One possible option, Chu suggested, would be establishing a health-savings plan for military families, similar to the one Congress authorized for DoD civil service employees.

"We are looking hard at how you would offer (such a plan) on a voluntary basis - again, your choice - to military households," Chu said.

Chu said he has asked the department to look into the issue. Although, he added, such a plan would likely need statutory authority from Congress.

"The military benefit is called out in a separate set of statutes and governed by those statutes," he said. "So if we were going to offer a thoughtful health-saving account plan we would need some additional statutory authority."

*Post/Skidmore*

1st Lt. John Quinn, Hqs. and Co. A, 101st FSB, operates his Blue Force Tracker from his "Humvee." As convoy commander, Quinn tracked where his vehicles were and controlled their movements during the convoy live-fire exercise his unit was participating in at Fort Riley.

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his unit was paramount.

"We have to make sure our newly assigned Soldiers are prepared for the next rotation," Quinn said. "We have to train them to the same standard as the veterans in the company."

Sgt. 1st Class Wayne Hawkins was the convoy commander's observer/controller, watching and evaluating the convoy commander's actions. Soldiers normally qualify on their weapons from a stationary position, usually on a controlled range, Hawkins pointed out.

What Soldiers are learning to do on the Convoy Live-Fire Range is shoot at targets from a moving vehicle, a task Hawkins said is difficult at best.

"We're teaching Soldiers how to engage targets from a moving platform," Hawkins said.

"It's hard. The vehicle is moving, they're not steady and they have to try to hit a target. It's a difficult task, one that may save their lives someday," Hawkins said.

Hawkins said seeing where their rounds go is the benefit of the live-fire range. "They see where they're rounds are hitting. They can adjust as they gain experience," he said.

Pfc. Katrina Colvert's assignment during the exercise was to operate the .50-caliber machine gun on the lead vehicle of the convoy. The weapon, which weighs more than the Soldier, was no

problem for her to handle.

"I like firing the .50," said Colvert, who had to brace herself and use two hands when she pulled back the charging handle to cock the weapon.

"If I apply everything I'm learning here ... I'll be good to go," she said.

Pvt. Claudia Villa drove a "Humvee" during the exercise and said she had to concentrate on driving.

"As a driver, we're not supposed to do anything but drive," Villa said. "You have to focus on what you're doing and what needs to be done."

"There are pop-up targets out there now, but you have to know, when we go to Iraq, they won't be

pop-up targets on the building firing at us ... they'll be people trying to shoot us, and we're just learning how to protect ourselves so we can all come home," said who.

"This is what we do in Iraq," said Spc. Michael Mikolajczyk, a veteran from the last rotation to Iraq.

"As an FSB, our danger comes mostly from convoys. Our job is to move supplies from point A to point B," he said.

"This training teaches us how to fire our weapons from a moving platform. We have to know what to do when things happen around us," he said. "If you don't know how to do convoy operations, you're going to be toast."

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Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Kansas Sen. Pat Roberts talk before a ceremony in Washington, D.C., on April 19. Myers was presented the "Kansas of the Year" Award by the Kansas Society of Washington, D.C.

WASHINGTON — The values of the heartland are the same as those of the U.S. military and went a long way toward keeping the nation's highest-ranking military officer in the Air Force

Joint Chiefs Chairman Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers was named "Kansan of the Year" by the Kansas Society of Washington, D.C., April 19. He follows in the steps of such distinguished Kansans as Sen. Robert Dole, Kansas City Royals Hall of Famer George Brett, Washington Redskins running back John Riggins, and TV broadcaster Jim Lehrer.

Most of the Kansas congressional delegation attended the event.

The chairman was visibly happy to be among Kansans, and the ones in the crowd were notably pleased to honor the chairman and his family.

From the Kansas sunflower centerpieces on the table to the country band doing the entertaining, the night was a celebration of all things Kansas. "It's fun to come to an oasis of Kansans in the middle of Washington, D.C.," Myers said. "I think being a Kansan is a special thing. It's certainly special to me. It's part of the heritage that I'm proud of."

The chairman said that, counting ROTC time, he has spent 44 years in uniform. "One of the reasons I stayed in the service so long was the military culture," he said.

He said the military runs on values like integrity, loyalty and selflessness. Personnel from all regions of the United States bring a "wonderful varied background of cultures" to the military.

"To my mind, when you come from the heartland, you bring a real common-sense approach to problems, because you have to be

practical to survive on the prairie," he said. "We inherited that from the folks who went before us."

Myers told the crowd that he hadn't planned on making the Air Force a career. He was going to fulfill his commitment and get out, "probably (to go) back to the family business in Kansas City," he said.

But the military personnel he served with kept him energized and motivated to serve. "All of us from the prairie were born to take responsibility and, if needed, to lead," he said. "Leadership is what makes anything strong, be it a business or a country. This is a time when we need all the leaders we can get. Never have we been confronted by a greater peril than the threat posed by terrorism."

Myers addressed a purely Kansas rivalry also. The chairman, a 1965 graduate of Kansas State University, poked fun at

graduates of rival Kansas University. He said he was the "black sheep of the family" because everyone else in his family went to KU.

During the reception period before the dinner, the chairman and his family met with members of the society. The Kansans did their best to dispel outsiders' preconceptions about the state.

First, they said, the line from the musical "South Pacific" that goes, "I'm as corny as Kansas in August," is wrong. Kansas is covered in wheat, not corn. And if Dorothy were really singing about going over the rainbow, she would want to go to Wichita, not Oz.

The chairman thanked the society. "I appreciate the honor of this award," he said. "I'm very proud to be from Kansas. Most of all I'm proud to wear this uniform and serve alongside a whole bunch of really great servicemen and women."

Editor's note: President George W. Bush announced April 22 that he had nominated U.S. Marine Corps Gen. Peter Pace for reappointment to general and assignment as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He currently serves as vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

WASHINGTON — When Marine Gen. Peter Pace graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy 38 years ago, the nation was at war.

During a speech to the midshipmen of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, at Kings Point, N.Y., the vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff spoke to young men and women in similar circumstances: the nation is at war and they are facing careers as military leaders.

"I didn't have a clue at all if I could be a good leader or a good Marine, but I knew I could try," Pace said April 20. "I have not

regretted a day of service to this country, and you will not either." Pace told the midshipmen that when they are commissioned, the

when they are commissioned, the Congress of the United States will consider them to be leaders. But "you will prove you are leaders in a different way," he said.

He told them they will think of their oath to "support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic" during important times in their service.

"Whether ... you spend five years or 40 years serving in uniform, you will remember that oath and what it means to you as an individual," he said.

Speaking of the war on terrorism, Pace said, "If we had the ability to do so, we would wish it otherwise. We didn't pick this war - in fact, we didn't even know we were at war for many years - not until those twin towers (fell) "

If the nation is at war, then young academy graduates have the responsibility to do something about it, he said. About one-third

of the academy's graduates go on to active duty in the U.S. military. The rest incur a service obligation with the U.S. Naval Reserve.

Pace said the current generation of military men and women have a responsibility, handed down through the sacrifices of previous generations, to pass the freedoms Americans have to the next generation.

"You may very well be sitting there asking yourself, 'How will I do as a leader?' 'How will I do in combat if called on?' You will do what Merchant Marine Academy graduates have always done: your duty magnificently well," Pace said.

He said that what the midshipmen have learned at sea and in the classroom will enable the young officers "to dig down inside and do the right thing at the right time."

Pace told the young men and

Face told the young men and women that he didn't plan on staying in the military. He did so because of the searing experience of leadership in Vietnam.

"Because as a second lieutenant of Marines I went into combat with incredible young men who were following my orders, and (some) lost their lives. I can never repay it," he said. "I've tried, but I cannot repay it."

From his position as the No. 2 officer in the Defense Department, Pace said he sees a phenomenon that he is still trying to puzzle out. "The more I have tried to give to those who look to me for leadership, the more they have given me," he said. "The more I have tried to be a decent leader for them and do the right thing, the more they have given back to me because they know I've been trying."

The general said he does not wish combat on anyone, but there are many more positive experiences that come with military service. "I do wish for you the feeling of awe, gratitude, indebtedness that every leader comes to hold, to those they are so fortunate to try to lead properly," he said. "I envy you your time."



U.S. Marine Corps Gen. Peter Pace (second from right), vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, talks to cadets at the Merchant Marine Academy during a reception in Kings Point, N.Y., on April 20. President George W. Bush has nominated Pace as the next chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, replacing Air Force Gen. Richard Myers.

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Riley Roundtable

This week's question:

If the Post Exchange or Commissary would carry one product you want but they don't have now, what would you ask for? Why?



"Home interior decorating products. I'm trying to decorate an apartment in Manhattan and can't find anything here (in the PX). They need home furnishings, rugs, wall hangings and paint."

Spc. John Abel
Tank gunner
Company A, 1st Battalion,
34th Armor
Home: Ponca City, Okla.



"A broader selection of computer equipment, like laptops and motherboards. I play a lot of games and surf the Internet a lot."

Cpl. John Arnold
Team leader
Company 1, 1st Battalion,
16th Infantry
Home: Cincinnati



"More outdoor products, especially for hunting. They've got lots of fishing stuff, but nothing for hunting; and this is Kansas. Everybody goes hunting. You can't even get fishing and hunting licenses. You have to go off-post."

Sgt. Joshua Dunham
Operations assistant
Hqs. and Hqs. Company,
1st Battalion, 34th Armor
Home: Oklahoma City



"Mac cosmetics. They're a very good product. I've used them for years, but when I came here, I had to change. Kansas City is the closest place I can go to get them."

Spc. Desiree Kopplin
Automated logistics specialist
1st Maintenance Company
Home: Thomasville, Ga.



"Better selection of women's clothes, running shoes and casual shoes. They don't have enough styles available. I have to go to the mall or Cato's or Dillard's to find something I want."

Staff Sgt. Shamiska Reese
Motor transport operator
Hqs. and Hqs. Detachment,
541st Maintenance Battalion
Home: Lexington, Ky.

Next week's question:

How is the increase in gasoline prices affecting your life?

Opinions may be e-mailed to the editor at mike.heronemus@riley.army.mil or faxed to the editor at 239-2592. Opinions must reach the editor by close of business Tuesdays to appear in the following Friday's paper.

Editor's note: This is the second of two articles covering general information concerning Living Wills and Health Care Powers of Attorney. The first article (Post, April 22, 2005) covered Living Wills. This article addresses Health Care Powers of Attorney.

By Hector J. Higuera
Legal Assistance Attorney

Do I need an Advance Medical Directive - a Living Will or Health Care Power of Attorney? The short answer is "yes," and there is good reason why anyone planning his or her estate should consider including one or the other.

Recently, we all witnessed the legal battle between the parents of Terri Schiavo and her husband. Terri Schiavo was 26 years old when her heart stopped beating temporarily in 1990, causing severe brain damage. Court-appointed doctors said Terri Schiavo was in a persistent vegetative state, and her husband claimed that his wife would not want to be kept alive artificially.

The legal battle reached Congress, the U. S. Supreme Court and the White House as the parents tried to block a court order that allowed Terri Schiavo's feeding tube to be removed. A properly prepared Health Care Power of Attorney signed by Terri Schiavo could have prevented the legal battles between her husband and her parents.

You may consent to or refuse any medical treatment, and you have the right to plan and direct the health care you will receive if you become unable to express your wishes. You can exercise this right by preparing a Health



Capt. Hector Higuera

Care Power of Attorney. The Patient Self-Determination Act of 1990 requires all medical facilities, nursing homes, home health agencies and hospices to provide written information to all new patients about their rights under state law to control decisions regarding medical treatment, including a patient's right to execute an Advanced Medical Directive.

Heart attacks, strokes and other types of incapacitating health conditions may occur and leave you in a position where you may not be terminal but are left unable to communicate your health care wishes. The law allows you in advance to appoint someone to make health care decisions on your behalf in the event you become incapacitated or found incompetent.

A Health Care Power of Attorney is a legal document used to convey your health care wishes when your health condition prevents you from communicating your wishes. A Health Care Power of Attorney takes the place of a guardianship and allows the attorney-in-fact or health care agent to make daily health care decisions without court supervision.

The attorney-in-fact is authorized to make health care decisions on your behalf. Health care decisions mean the consent, refusal to consent or withdrawal of consent to health care. Health care means any care, treatment, service or procedure, the purpose of which is to maintain, diagnose or treat an individual's physical or mental condition. The health care agent is normally your spouse, your parents, your siblings or some other person that you trust, knows you well and knows your wishes. It is always a good idea to appoint an alternate agent in the event that your first choice is unable or no longer willing to serve as your agent.

However it may not be in your best interest to appoint co-agents, due to potential deadlocks or disputes over health care decisions. The person you select as your attorney-in-fact or health care agent need only be a competent adult and does not have to be a lawyer. Your doctors, their employees or the employees of your health care facility are not allowed to act as your health care agents.

A Living Will allows you to document in advance your decisions on health care should you be diagnosed terminally ill. A Health Care Power of Attorney has the added benefit of allowing you to appoint a health care agent to make health care decisions covering a broad range of medical conditions, to include conditions where it's not certain that you are terminally ill or where your doctor or state law fail to give your wishes due weight.

As a military member, you and your eligible family members can have either or both of these documents prepared by attorneys of the Legal Assistance Office on Fort Riley.

You will want to discuss with family members, close friends and perhaps with a clergyman or other counselor your decisions about preparing a Living Will or Health Care Power of Attorney, and about all the treatments you want and do not want.

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Letters to the editor

Student seeks help

Dear citizens of Fort Riley, I go to Inter-Lakes Middle Tier in New Hampshire. My fifth grade class is starting to learn about the 50 states.

Soon we are going to begin a project called "state in a box," and I chose your wonderful state for my project.

Please, if you are not too busy, send me postcards, an old license plate, brochures or anything else that represents your beautiful state. If you have any special tourist attractions please let me know.

Send them to me in care of Mrs. Beinsh at the school, 231 Laker Lane, Meridith, NH.

Allison Brown

Soldier, family appreciate support

I am sending this letter my husband recently wrote while he was home on "R and R." I would like to share this with everyone so they can know the impact of the gift they have given to my husband and to other Soldiers — the gift sincere gratitude and their support. The motivation and pride invoked is appreciated not only by the Soldiers but also by

their families.

Thank you from a very proud Army wife

Anna Jones

To whomever,

My name is Spc. Arthur Jones, and I am a Soldier currently serving in Iraq. A short time ago I went on "R and R" leave to Fort Riley. As I arrived at DFW (Dallas-Fort Worth) airport, I was greeted in the warmest fashion possible. When I got off the plane I was greeted by hundreds of people who welcomed me home as if I were family.

Words could not possibly express the feelings of joy and gratitude I felt at such a warm reception.

Although not everyone there necessarily agreed with the policies that have my comrades and me in Iraq, everyone there was very supportive and gracious.

I commend the citizens of the Dallas area for providing such an unwavering show of support and for providing all of us with the motivation to continue to do a sometimes very difficult job.

Thank you, and God bless Texas

Spc. Arthur Jones

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Secretary of the Army Francis Harvey watches as Soldiers from the 48th Brigade Combat Team interact with locals in one of the National Training Center's mock cities in Fort Irwin, Calif., April 19.

Mohave training prepares 24th Inf. Div. unit for Iraq

By Carmen L Burgess
Army News Service

FORT IRWIN, Calif. — The Army's top official observed Georgia's 48th Brigade Combat Team, 24th Infantry Division (Mech), training for a deployment while in the Mohave Desert the middle of April.

Secretary of the Army Francis Harvey made a stop at the National Training Center April 19 to see the National Guard Soldiers as they prepared for an upcoming deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"The design of NTC is to provide a tough training environment so units get a month's worth of 'Iraq' in 14 days," Brig. Gen. Stewart Rodeheaver, 48th BCT commander, told Harvey.

Rodeheaver also said distribution of the new Army combat uniform served as a morale booster for his troops. The 48th BCT is the first complete unit in the Army

to receive the ACUs.

"It's a vote of confidence that the Army feels confident in us and the new equipment was provided for us before our active counterparts," he said.

The training at Fort Irwin is realistic in that it provides the same harsh operational climate found in Southwestern Asia, officials said. There are similar doctrinal distances found on the 1,000-square-mile installation and the 12 training sites are complete with desert, urban and mountain scenarios.

"(Soldiers) who train here will be in Iraq within 60 days," said Brig. Gen. Robert Cone, commander, Fort Irwin and NTC. "They are getting experience with professionals who have been in theater and are using the latest tactics and techniques."

Cone told the secretary that if commanders want to get the real deal in training their Soldiers, then they bring them to the center where events that occur in Iraq are

instantly applied to training scenarios.

"In a war where the center of gravity is at the company and platoon level, it is imperative to get this kind of training," he said.

Harvey visited two mock cities, one complete with underground tunnels, and observed as Soldiers of the 48th BCT interacted with the local police force and per-formed patrols. He also rode along on a convoy live-fire exercise conducted by elements of the 48th's headquarters.

After training for three months at Fort Stewart, Ga., the 48th BCT, whose Soldiers come from Georgia, Alabama, Illinois, Maryland, Missouri and Puerto Rico, arrived in California at the beginning of April for intensive training.

The secretary said that one of his primary responsibilities is to ensure that Soldiers are receiving relevant training. He said that the training at NTC is successful at doing that.

Amputee achieves goal

Captain returns to Iraq after losing ankle, foot

By Matthew Clifton
AFPS

CAMP VICTORY, Iraq — An Army captain who lost his lower right ankle and foot to injury while deployed during the initial stages of Operation Iraqi Freedom has returned to the desert.

Capt. David M. Rozelle, commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Carson, Colo., is the first amputee to return to a combat zone.

"When I deployed for the first time, I was the K Troop commander for 3rd ACR, and my area of operation was around Hit, Iraq," Rozelle said. "While conducting an operation, I ran over an anti-tank mine with my 'Humvee.' The mine destroyed both my 'Humvee' and my right lower leg, causing the amputation of my foot and ankle."

Rozelle said he was quickly evacuated to a combat support hospital and then flown to Qatar and then to Germany, where he underwent an operation at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center before being taken to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

"My family and friends knew I would not give up, and that's when I charged head-on into my recovery," he said.

"Like anyone who is injured in a war, an amputee has to come back and prove to the Army medical system they are fit to fight," Rozelle said. "You have to be able to pass an Army physical fitness test, and basically you are re-entering the service."

Rozelle received word through his chain of command that if he could recover from his injury, another position waited for him with the 3rd ACR, he said. His first goal was to be declared fit for duty when the regiment redeployed to Iraq.

He said great leadership from his command gave him added incentive. Nine months after the injury, he passed muster.

Like his Soldiers, his friends and family thought he was crazy because he had the opportunity to leave, Rozelle said. "I could have retired as a captain and had a pretty good retirement."

But he said he never really thought about that. "When I took the oath of office, I knew I was going to spend my life in the military," he said.



ANS/Clifton
Capt. David M. Rozelle, a company commander and author of "Back in Action: An American Soldier's Story of Courage, Faith and Fortitude," walks along a third-floor balcony of Al-Faw Palace, Camp Victory, Iraq, April 1.

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Chinese chef Tieniu Wang, who is currently working at a restaurant in Junction City, displays the rose he carved in the top half of a large apple. Watching the demonstration are 1st Bde. Combat Team cooks (left to right) Spc. Robin Garcia, Spc. Gregory Callahan and Sgt. Stephanie Johnson. Wang was a guest at the Devil's Den dining facility for a professional development class showing the Army cooks ways to create decorative garnishes for the food they prepare.
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Chef carves edible decorations

Soldiers soak up ideas for garnishing food on chow lines

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

About 40 Army cooks stared at the hands of a professional chef April 22, hoping to discover new ways to make dining facility food look more appetizing.

Chef Tieniu Wang from Liaoning, China, currently prepares food at a Junction City Chinese restaurant. Through an interpreter, Lisa Zhang, he tried to show the Soldiers how to carve a variety of garnishes that can be used to dress up food served on Army chow lines.

It took Wang about 30 minutes to create roses from an apple, a tomato and a potato; a bird from a carrot; and a diving eagle from two large, white radishes.

Cooks of the 1st Brigade Combat Team's consolidated dining facility, the Devil's Den, and of the 937th Engineer Battalion, attended the professional development class. Such classes are scheduled as often as possible, said Master Sgt. Leroy Heyward, the installation's food manage-



A large, twisted carrot becomes a colorful crane in the hands of Chinese chef Tieniu Wang.
Post/Heronemus

ment noncommissioned officer with the 24th Infantry Division (Mech) logistics staff.

"We eat with our eyes and consume with our mouths," Heyward said, "so all food products on the line should have a garnish with it" to make it look attractive while being served.

Cooks at the Devil's Den decorate every food product with some sort of garnish, said Sgt. 1st Class

Derald Jones, the dining facility's manager. The garnishes may be placed in the corner of a serving tray or around the edges, he said.

"The garnishes are edible but usually aren't served with the food," he said. "If some portion of the garnish gets scooped up with the food, it is edible, usually some vegetable or fruit."



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Chinese chef Tieniu Wang pokes a hole in the head of a radish eagle for black eyes he will add to finish the three-piece garnish.

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Toastmasters to meet

The next Old Bill's Toastmasters meeting is scheduled for May 5 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Junction City Fire Station No. 2. Anyone from the Fort Riley and Junction City community interested in building their leadership skills and overcoming the fear of public speaking is welcomed to attend the free meeting.

Old Bill's Toastmasters meets every first and third Thursday at the Fire Station No. 2. Old Bill's Toastmasters is non-profit organization affiliated with Toastmasters International. For more information and directions to the meeting location, call Jim Hill at 761-1130.

Pharmacy removes Bextra

The Food and Drug Administration has asked Pfizer, Inc., to voluntarily withdraw Bextra from the market. Pfizer agreed to suspend sales and marketing of Bextra. This decision was based on the FDA's conclusion that the overall risk versus benefit profile is unfavorable due to lack of adequate data on long-term cardiovascular safety, reports of serious and potentially life-threatening skin reactions and lack of advantages for Bextra compared with other non-steroidal and anti-inflammatory drugs.

Bextra will no longer be available at Irwin Army Community Hospital. IACH officials recommends individuals stop taking Bextra and call 239-DOCS during duty hours for an appointment or leave a telephone consult for their primary care manager, who will decide which medication would be suitable to replace Bextra.

Army mandates computer class

In an effort to protect data from internal and external threats, the Army established a directive requiring all Army computer users to complete information assurance training no later than June 4.

Computer users can satisfy their IA training requirement by logging onto the Army e-Learning Program, the G-6's preferred method for fulfilling this requirement. Army e-Learning helps streamline the process for fulfilling IA training and testing results are immediately reflected in the Army Training Requirements and Resources System.

For more information on how to access Army e-Learning for IA training, log onto <http://www.us.army.mil>; My Education; Army e-Learning portal page or Army e-Learning at <http://usarmy.skillport>.

Individuals must have an Army Knowledge Online account to access the system.

Pre-retirement orientation set

The semi-annual pre-retirement orientation will be conducted from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 20 at Riley's Convention Center. Registration will start at 7:30 a.m.

This orientation is for individuals who have submitted a request for retirement, but any Soldier contemplating retirement in the near future is welcome to attend.

The purpose of this orientation is to present information concerning rights, benefits and responsibilities in conjunction with retirement. Soldiers who are eligible for early retirement (medical reasons only) should also attend.

This orientation is a requirement of AR 600-8-7, and Soldiers may attend as many times as they wish. Spouses of retiring personnel and prospective retirees may also attend.

For more information, contact the Retirement Services Office in Building 210 or call 239-3320 or 239-3667.

Army varies approach to recruiting Soldiers

By Donna Miles
AFPS

WASHINGTON — The Army is using a variety of programs and incentives to help attract more young men and women into its ranks, according to Curtis Gilroy, DoD's director of accession policy.

Working to recruit 80,000 new members by late September, the Army is putting more recruiters in the field and giving them better tools to do their job, Gilroy said.

Service officials are also hoping to boost the number and size of enlistment bonuses and are planning to roll out new advertising efforts that focus on adults who influence young people's decisions regarding military service.

Recruiters play powerful role

"The recruiter is the single most powerful tool the military has in its recruiting effort," agreed Navy Capt. Chris Arendt, deputy director of the DoD accession policy office. "What they bring is that personal touch, the personality to convey the honor and service of the military." Their effect, he said, "is powerfully strong."

While personal and in-home visits remain critical to the process, particularly among Hispanic prospects, military recruiting is going increasingly high-tech.

Laptop computers and cell phones have become critical to recruiters, who frequently work out of their cars rather than offices.

And there's been surprising success in "cyber-recruiting" — each service's use of online chat rooms for would-be recruits to get information about the military.

"Each of the services has recognized that today's generation is a computer-savvy generation and does many things with the Internet," Arendt said. "Each service has reacted to that and is setting

up cyber-recruiting efforts."

The Army, the leader among the services in this initiative, has a live chat room where recruiters can answer people's questions and guide them toward the information they need in their decision-making.

Potential recruits can enter the chat room in a safe environment, using a pseudonym if they wish, to ask questions or even check information about the military they've received from recruiters or others, Arendt explained.

The Army is also taking steps to beef up the bonuses it offers new recruits.

Bonuses are very important for a variety of reasons, Gilroy said. They entice people to join the military in the first place. "They are also useful in channeling these new recruits into particular occupations that we really need," he said.

Generally jobs that offer the highest bonuses are hard to fill or require higher-level skills. Bonuses also help encourage recruits to sign up for longer terms of service or for specific duty stations, he said.

And in a new initiative being used by the Army, they encourage recruits to begin their duty more quickly after signing their contract.

"If you report in one month, you get a certain bonus. If it's in two months, you get a different bonus," Gilroy said. "The longer you delay, the lower the bonus,

but if you want to ship right now, the Army will offer a higher bonus for you."

The Army is also reviewing its advertising program and looking at better ways to reach targeted audiences, including "influencers" — the parents, teachers, coaches and other adults who influence a young person's decision regarding military service.

Reaching this group can be a challenge, Gilroy acknowledged. "Mom and dad aren't too happy seeing their sons and daughters in a conflict," he said, particularly as they hear of Soldiers being wounded or killed in combat.

"And I think this is weighing heavily on their minds," he added.

Dwindling support for war may hurt

There's also an indication that there's less public support for the war in Iraq, Gilroy said, and that could be a factor in why influencers aren't steering young people toward military service as frequently as in the past.

Gilroy said the Army is hopeful these and other efforts being explored will help attract more young people into the Army at a critical time, when it is increasing its end strength by 30,000 members.

The Army's recruiting goal for fiscal 2005 is 80,000 troops — 3,000 higher than last year's requirement and 6,200 higher than the previous year's.



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Remembering when

Sgt. Vicente Aguilar, Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard trooper, explains parts of the cavalry saddle he uses to Col. (Ret.) Herman Reheis, a former cavalry soldier. Reheis was stationed at Fort Riley from 1934 to 1938, as a cavalry soldier. When World War II broke out, Reheis transferred to the Army Air Corps and became a pilot on B25s in the Pacific Theater. This was the first visit back to the historic post for him since 1938.

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Commander proclaims Law Day on post

Maj. Gen. Dennis Hardy, commanding general of the 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley, signs a Law Day proclamation in his office April 26. Law Day is celebrated nationally on May 1 each year, with events often scheduled the entire first week of May. Events at Fort Riley this year includes an information table set up at the Post Exchange from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. April 30, Army lawyers visiting Fort Riley schools May 2-5 to explain the American jury system to fifth- and seventh-graders and the 12th annual Law Day Golf Tournament at Custer Hill Golf Course May 4. Participating in the proclamation signing ceremony are (left to right) Capt. Hector Higuera, Capt. William Yanek, Capt. Luke Woltering, Capt. Matthew Veldey, Capt. emilee Harren and Sgt. Keith Wieland.

'Mail Call' host visits Pentagon History Channel to air command center show

By Zachary M. Gildin
Army News Service

WASHINGTON -- The History Channel's "Mail Call" host, R. Lee Erme, visited the Pentagon Feb. 9 to film an episode of the popular television show.

Erme filmed a segment in the Army Operation Center and in other areas in the Pentagon.

"We started with some Pentagon security forces, we went to the Army's command center, the Navy's command center, and to the joint services command center," Erme said. "We want to let people know what is going on, let them know how this works."

Erme, a retired Marine, has gained fame with his roles in many movies, including "Full Metal Jacket," "Apocalypse Now" and "Saving Silverman," feels that by hosting the show "Mail Call" he can help to educate the public about the military.

"Mail Call" is a show that the History Channel has put together to expose our military to the general public. We want to educate the public about the military, anything that you want to know about the military, past, present or future," Erme said.

The episode of "Mail Call"

Want to watch?

"Mail Call" airs on the History Channel at 9 p.m. on Fridays. The episode filmed at the Pentagon is due to air in late April or early May.

being filmed at the Pentagon focused on the various branch command centers and how they work together in joint operations.

"Our military runs like a finely tuned machine, there is no question about that. The coordination between the military services is second to none," Erme said.

"It is at the point where, if a troop, battalion or a squad needs air support or artillery support, they can just call it in. Whether it is Army, Navy, Air Force who comes to the rescue, it makes no difference," he continued.

"The main thing is the first person who can get there comes and we get the job done. It's really turned into a well-coordinated effort on the part of all branches," Erme pointed out.

Erme also said his show's appeal is more powerful because the present-day military is more

of a household issue.

"There are not many families in America these days that don't have somebody in the military. There is an uncle, a nephew, a niece, a daughter or a neighbor. Yet they know nothing about what goes on in that military except for what Bobby writes home and tells them," Erme said. "The show is basically to help connect these civilians with the military and let them know what is going on."

While a majority of the show is focused on entertainment and knowledge, "Mail Call" holds a larger purpose in Erme's eyes. He said he is helping the general public, he while doing a service for the military.

"I feel as though we are doing a public service. I feel that we are helping the recruitment effort and that we are enlightening everybody as to what the military does."

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MEDDAC plans heat classes

The Preventive Medicine Service of U.S. Army Medical Activity at Fort Riley will offer a heat injury awareness and prevention briefing at Barlow Theater from 9 to 11 a.m. May 4.

The class will cover types of heat injuries, treatment and prevention. Heat injury prevention is a yearly requirement for Fort Riley Soldiers. MEDDAC officials recommend unit commanders send at least two representatives to MEDDAC's briefing so those Soldiers can present the training to their units.

Family members are welcome to attend.

Classes also are available to units on a first-come, first-serve basis on Wednesdays through May 25. Available times for the one-hour classes are 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

For more information, call Sgt. Russell Nurse, Sgt. Scott Fowle or Staff Sgt. Jody Gonzales at 239-7323.

Security class set for managers

The Security Division, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, will sponsor a two-day S2 and Security Managers Course from 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. May 9 and 10 in the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center classroom in Building 319.

The course is for unit S2s and all security managers. For more information or to register, call Jerry Donker at 239-6322.

Motorcycle classes offered

The Installation Safety Office has scheduled Basic Rider Motorcycle Courses and Experienced Motorcycle Rider Courses for fiscal year 05.

The Basic Rider Course is designed for persons with limited or no experience riding a motorcycle. The training consists of classroom activities and motorcycle driving during a two-day course.

The basic courses are scheduled on weekends from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day of the course. The first day, students meet in Room 6 of Building 407. Attendees must wear a long-sleeve shirt, pants, over-the-ankle shoes, and full-fingered gloves. Motorcycles and helmets are provided for the basic rider training.

The Experienced Rider's Course is designed for individuals who are skilled at motorcycle riding, possess a safe operating motorcycle and have a motorcycle endorsement on their driver's license.

The course runs from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on scheduled Fridays. Attendees must bring a safe operating motorcycle and wear a long-sleeve shirt, pants, over-the-ankle shoes, full-fingered gloves, protective eyewear and a helmet. If the helmet has a face shield, the eyewear is optional.

Attendees must also bring their driver's license with the motorcycle endorsement.

The experienced riders course begins in Building 407 and then moves to the riding range.

Both Courses are open to active duty military and their family members, Department of the Army civilians, military retirees, and U.S. Army Reserve and National Guard members working on Fort Riley.

Scheduled dates for the Basic Rider Course are May 7-8, May 21-22, June 4-5, June 18-19, July 9-10, July 23-24, Aug. 13-14, Aug. 27-28, Sept. 17-18 and Oct. 1-2.

Scheduled dates for the Experienced Rider Course are May 6 and 20; June 3 and 17; July 8 and 22; Aug. 12 and 26; and Sept. 16 and 30.

For enrollment information, contact a unit schools noncommissioned officer or the Installation Safety Office at 239-2334.

'Buckeye' helps find explosives devices

By Heather Gloeckner
Army News Service

ARLINGTON, Va. — Soldiers' lives may be saved as a result of a new technology that aids in the detection of improvised explosive devices, according to experts from the Army Corps of Engineers' Research and Development Center.

In October 2003, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker met with then-Chief of Engineers Lt. Gen. Robert Flowers and asked that the Corps of Engineers attempt to develop a system to aid in the detection of IEDs, said Bob Burkhardt, director of the Topographic Engineering Center at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Research and Development Center.

Four months later the Corps had developed the "Buckeye," a camera that takes high-resolution photographs from an aircraft, and was ready to test the new tool at Yuma Proving Ground, Ariz., Burkhardt said.

In February 2004, the Buckeye team traveled to Yuma with its

newly developed tool for a test flight, said Eric Zimmerman, chief of the Research Division at the Topographic Engineering Center.

"We collected imagery for two days. The first day there were no IEDs. The second day IEDs were present. By the morning of the third day, we were able to provide a mosaic and an analysis of where we thought IEDs may be present," Zimmerman said.

Industry standard equipment used for imagery analysis can take days to produce a mosaic whereas the Buckeye can produce a mosaic in 90 minutes or less, Burkhardt said.

A mosaic is a large computer-generated photograph constructed from many smaller images that allows for viewing and computer navigation of a town or an entire city from an aerial view.

In November 2004, the Buckeye was deployed to Iraq and proved to be extremely helpful in the detection of IEDs, Burkhardt said. Flyovers were performed in certain areas of Iraq where images were captured by the Buckeye and

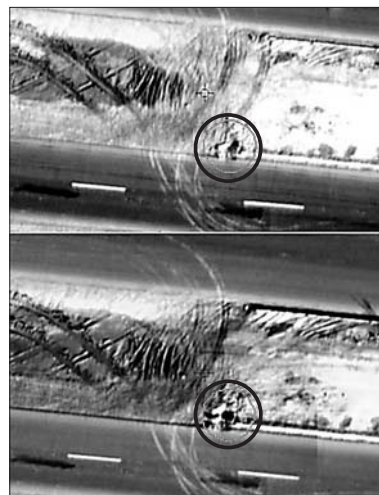
later analyzed by the Buckeye ground support team. Through these analyses the support team was able to identify suspicious changes in areas that resulted in the identification of IEDs, Burkhardt said.

The Buckeye can be used on many different aircraft to collect imagery, Burkhardt said.

The imagery produced by the Buckeye is also useful for situational awareness. Buckeye imagery is being incorporated into the Urban Terrain Planner, also designed by the Topographic Engineering Center, giving Soldiers an even better system to help with mapping and overall preparation, Zimmerman said.

The UTP is a digital representation of the urban environment. It is a product for mission and tactical planning, and urban fighting, said Theresa Rasmussen, team leader, source acquisition team.

"Soldiers are delighted by the performance of the Buckeye, and commanders have written asking us for more Buckeyes," Burkhardt said.



Aerial photos from the Buckeye show a roadway before (top) and after an improvised explosive device was planted. ANS

Official: Most suicide bombers foreigners

AFPS

WASHINGTON — Most of the people committing suicide bombings in Iraq today are foreigners, not Iraqis, a senior Multinational Force Iraq official told reporters at an April 14 meeting with reporters in Baghdad.

"The sense is that many of the suicide bombers are in fact foreign jihadists, not Iraqis, for the

most part," the official said.

Foreign insurgents operating in Iraq seem to be coming from about 25 countries, the official noted. The majority, he observed, are from Syria, Saudi Arabia and Iran.

However, U.S. military analysts in Iraq "don't see that foreign fighters have become a significant force in the insurgency," the official noted.

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'Fit Family Day' set at center

Camping, hiking and biking equipment demonstrations have been planned as part of Fit Family Day from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. May 14 at the Outdoor Recreation Center. Participants can have their gait analyzed and learn how to select the perfect exercise shoe. Friends and family can race each other in the two-mile fun run. Kids can play on the moonwalk, fly a kite or run the obstacle course.

Healthy drinks and snacks will be available and door prizes will be awarded. For more information, call 239-2813.

Swim lessons scheduled

Swimming lessons will be given June 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20, 22 and 23 at Custer Hill Outdoor Pool. Sign-up begins May 30 at the pool. Cost is \$20 per child.

Class times will vary depending upon the child's age and swimming ability.

For more information, call 239-9441 or 239-2172.

Bowling camp planned

This summer, Custer Hill Bowling Center will offer three youth bowling camps. Each camp is two weeks long. The fee is \$100 per person. Camps will be held June 13-24, July 11-22 and August 4-12.

For more information, call 738-7104 or the Custer Hill Bowling Center at 239-4366.

Scramble planned May 13

Fort Riley's Garrison Spring Scramble is scheduled for May 13 - a Friday. The four-person scramble begins with a shotgun start at noon and includes lunch, prizes, carts and green fees.

Individuals and teams can sign up by calling Tom Pettegrew at 239-2544 or the golf proshop at 784-6000.

Run winners qualify for team

The Fort Riley Prairie Run consists of three different races, a 10-mile, five-mile and two-mile race. Each race is open to the Fort Riley military community and the general public.

The race is scheduled for July 23. It will start and finish at King Field House.

The five- and 10-mile races will begin at 7 a.m. and the two-mile race will begin at 7:10 a.m.

Awards will be given to the top three finishers in each gender and age category for each race. An overall first-place award will be given to the top male and female finisher of each race.

Any runner who enters before July 13 pays a registration fee of \$10 and gets a T-shirt. After July 13, the registration fee is \$12 and there is no guarantee late entrants will receive a T-shirt.

The 10-mile race will be used to determine the members of an active duty team to represent Fort Riley at the Army 10-Miler in Washington, D.C.

For rules and more information, contact the Fort Riley Sports Office at 239-2172.

The registration form is available under the fitness link on the Fort Riley Web site, www.riley.army.mil.

Soccer starts



331st Sig. Co.'s Joshua Meader (3) battles with MEDDAC's Lily Phuong as Dylan Mack (17) chases the action.

Signalmen defeat MEDDAC in opener

By Austin Meek
Staff writer

Douglas Starzak scored three goals as 331st Signal Company romped over the defending post champions, Medical Department Activity, 8-1 in battalion-level soccer action April 20.

Starzak's first goal came early in the first half and gave the Signalmen a 1-0 lead.

Later in the half, MEDDAC had the opportunity to tie the game with a penalty kick. Signal's goalie stopped the kick, but MEDDAC slipped the ball past him on the second attempt. That would be MEDDAC's final goal, however, as the Signalmen used their superior ball-handling skills to dominate the rest of the game.

The Signalmen bombarded MEDDAC's goalie with a barrage of strikes, while MEDDAC failed to muster any type of offensive rhythm.

Marlon Beach scored a goal midway through the first half to give Signal a 2-1 lead. The Signalmen would add two more goals, one from Starzak, to take a 4-1 advantage into halftime.

The same story played out for MEDDAC in the second half. MEDDAC players couldn't put together any sustained offensive attack, and the Signalmen continued to shred the MEDDAC defense with crisp passes.

Starzak scored again early in the second period to put Signal ahead 5-1. After knocking home his third goal of the game, Starzak credited his teammates for helping him complete the hat trick.

"I can't take the ball up the field all by myself," Starzak said. "The halfbacks and fullbacks did a great job of setting me up."

Later in the second half, Steve Seifert scored to put the Signal ahead 6-1. Soon after, the Signalmen were granted a penalty kick when a MEDDAC player illegally touched the ball. Beach nailed the free kick and gave 331st Sig. Co. a 7-1 lead.

Seifert scored the eighth and final goal of the game.

After the game, Starzak said he felt the Signalmen really came together as a team.

"We've got good teamwork," he said. "We pass around a lot, and we have a lot of communication."

Scoreboard

April 20
924th MP vs. 10th ASOS,
game not played

April 21
MEDDAC won by forfeit over
10th ASOS
331st Signal Co. beat 1st Eng.
Bn., 5-0



331st Sig. Co.'s Douglas Starzak (18) drives in for a goal with a MEDDAC defender in hot pursuit. Starzak scored three goals in the Signalmen's victory.

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

Sgt. Jimmie Carle Jr. couldn't stop grinning as he told about his first spring turkey hunt. The Fort Riley Soldier said he "jumped" at the invitation to join the Kansas governor's annual hunt in El Dorado.

Gov. Kathleen Sebelius asked to have a Kansas Soldier wounded in Iraq join others for the spring hunt

April 16. Carle received a Purple Heart for wounds he received in a mortar attack about a year ago.

Carle joined his guide, Steve Seymour, for two days that presented more opportunities for poking fun at each other than they did to shoot a tom turkey. Seymour's turkey calls attracted more young jakes than toms and got "moos" from cows within earshot, the 24-year-old Soldier joked.

Then there was the open tailgate

that let some of Carle's gear decorate the countryside during a rough ride along a bumpy back road. That had the two turkey hunters searching for something other than a prize gobbler for a while.

Just when it seemed Carle would go home empty-handed, Seymour's turkey calls attracted a longbeard that headed their way. When it had strutted and trotted within about 25 yards, Carle shot

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Soldier runners compete in desert

First 'Boston Marathon' held in Iraq

By Lek Mateo
Army News Service

TALLIL, Iraq - Hundreds of runners traded their combat boots for running shoes to compete in the inaugural Iraq/Boston Marathon held at the large air base in Tallil, Iraq.

The event was run in conjunction with the Boston Marathon that normally has thousands of runners competing in the 26.2-mile race watched throughout the world via television.

A loud crack of the starting gun signaled the start of the race in Iraq for the small mass of runners gathered as the sun's early morning rays pierced the darkness.

As U.S. Air Force C-130 Hercules cargo aircraft roared overhead during takeoff, runners negotiated through a course located within the confines of razor-sharp triple-strand concertina wire and heavily armed guard towers protecting the base.

The route took runners by one of Iraq's archaeological treasures, the Ziggurat of Ur. The Ziggurat is a 4,000-year-old Sumerian temple that rises about 50 feet above the desert floor of the Euphrates Valley.

Although the race was non-competitive, all of the runners gave their personal best to test their will and endurance against time and distance.

Spc. Daisy Prieto of Levelland, Texas, and a Soldier of the 56th Brigade Combat Team, 36th Infantry Division, Texas Army National Guard, said she had always wanted to run in a marathon just to prove to herself that she could accomplish it.

"I've always wanted to run a marathon because it is one of my goals in life," Prieto said. "I am taking advantage of the opportunity to do it here in Iraq."

Prieto said that the long distance for the marathon can be very intimidating for many people, but she doesn't let negative thoughts get to her. Her primary focus was to cross the finish line, she said.

"My intention is not to win but just to finish the race no matter how long it takes, so that I can say that I did it," she explained.

Army Sgt. Luis A. Soto of Morovis, Puerto Rico, and a Soldier with the 89th Transportation Company based in Fort Eustis, Va., finished in three hours and three seconds, taking first place in the race.

Soto said the victory was the highlight to cap his yearlong deployment as he prepares to head back home within a few short weeks.

As with many of the runners in

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Soldier hunts with Kansas governor



Sgt. Jimmie Carle Jr. jokes with guide Steve Seymour while carrying the tom turkey he bagged at the governor's annual hunt. Wichita Eagle Photo

Sports news in brief

Community walk scheduled

A community "Walk This Way" three-mile walk is scheduled for 9 a.m. May 7 as a way for participants to kick off spring physical activity and walk their way to fitness and mental well being while seeing the sights of Fort Riley. Participants will receive a free "Support Our Troops" bracelet after the walk. Strollers are welcome.

The walk will begin at the locomotive at Wyman Park, corner of Huebner Road and Dickman Avenue, across from the shopette.

For more information, call Jan Clark at 239-7250 or Command Sgt. Maj. Kevin Stuart at 239-7738.

Golfers, fishers invited to classic

Golfers and fishermen are invited to take part in the Kansas Wildlife Governor's Golf and Fishing Classic June 16-17 at Milford Lake and Rolling Meadows Golf Course in Junction City.

Participants will play golf on June 16, with a special dinner meal and Wildlife auction during the evening hours.

Fishing takes place June 17. Participants can bring their own boat or be placed with a guide and boat.

For entry forms, contact Connie Hall at (785) 238-2885 or by e-mail at chall@junctioncity.org or Kansas Wildlife Foundation at (785) 843-9453.

Traveling team wins tourney

Fort Riley's fifth- and sixth-grade traveling girls' basketball team won the Leavenworth tournament April 16-17 after having

placed second at the Emporia tournament April 9-10. The Trooperettes have been playing together for about two months, said coach Lawrence Moss. From 40 to 60 teams play in each of the Mid-America Youth Basketball Association tournaments, Moss said.

Trooperettes and their total points scored in the Leavenworth and Emporia tournaments are: Samantha Satterlee - 26, 32; Kayla Lindsay - 25, 27; Kadesia Johnson - 18, 19; Jaelyn Hall - 12, 15; Lauren Moss - 8, 13; Nell Simpson - 8, 3; Terenque McDonald - 4, 2; Chantia Wallace - 2, 2; Olivia Wilkerson - 0, 3; Staci Holubek - 0, 3; Ciera Johnson - 0, 2. Other members of the team are Maggie Birchmeier, Trista Rich and Medina Gregory.

Boater's class required

Any person born on or after Jan. 1, 1989, and younger than 21 must complete an approved boater safety education course in order to operate a motorboat or sailboat on Kansas's public waters.

Outdoor Recreation Center at Fort Riley will host Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks boater safety classes from 7 to 9 p.m. May 5 and 6 and 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. May 7. Cost is a \$10 deposit that will be returned the first night a person attends.

A KDWP instructor will certify class attendees to operate boats after they pass a 50-question test given the last day of the class. Class is limited to the first 30 participants 12 years or older who enroll.

The certification is required of anyone wishing to rent a boat from the Outdoor Recreation Center.

For more information, call the Outdoor Recreation Center at 239-2363.

Kit offers pocket-sized gym

By Tim Hipps

Army News Service

ALEXANDRIA, Va. - Soldiers can flex their muscles any time and just about any place with a strand of elastic resistance tubing in a pocket-sized package dubbed Army Fitness Deployed.

The kit, which includes the Thera-Band(r) system of progressive resistance, recently was developed by Morale, Welfare and Recreation sports and fitness officials at the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center. It comes with a notepad filled with strength-training tips concerning progression, muscle balance and rest and recovery.

The fitness guide was developed for Soldiers to maintain their muscular fitness while in the field.

"The adage 'use it or lose it' applies to muscular strength and endurance," said Janet MacKinnon, CFSC fitness program manager. "Muscular strength relates to the maximum force a muscle can generate in a single contraction, while muscular endurance relates to the ability of a muscle to generate force repeatedly or continuously overcome."

"I came across one of these exercise bands and tried it out," said Sgt. Maj. Michael Fox, chief instructor for the psychological operations course at Fort Dix, N.J.



Master Sgt. David Strong and Sgt. 1st Class Jason Sherer do the reverse fly exercise with the Thera-Band® system of resistance found in Army Fitness Deployed, a pocket-sized exercise kit.

"I had my staff try it out and we were all surprised at the workout it provided."

After having everyone in his detachment of Army civil affairs and psychological operations Soldiers exercise with Army Fitness Deployed, Fox said he realized that he needed more of the kits.

"I began my quest to locate 400 of these to use in our next classes, as well as provide them to the Soldiers we train," he said. "The fact that it was designed to fit in the

cargo pocket of the [battle dress] uniform was a great idea. It allows Soldiers the means to stay in shape no matter where they are stationed."

"We've gotten lots of calls from Soldiers who are deployed," MacKinnon said. "The warmest stories are the ones I get straight from Soldiers in Afghanistan and Iraq. They call directly and tell me how much they enjoy the bands."

Being as ingenious as Soldiers often will be, they discovered many

other uses for the resistance bands, such as corrective eye and sunglass straps, clotheslines, tourniquets and gasoline siphoning.

"During the cold weather here, we had a 'Humvee' windshield-washer hose freeze and burst, making the wipers ineffective," Fox said. "I took a piece of one of the exercise bands and cut it to replace the bad hose on the vehicle."

Fox said the tubing also has been used by combat lifesavers as a restrictor band that helps identify the vein for insertion of a needle for IVs.

"If you're going to give a Soldier a tool to use in combat, give them a tool that has many uses," he said.

Ingenuity aside, the purpose of the kit is to keep folks fit despite their surroundings. The Army Fitness Deployed notepad features illustrations and written instructions concerning everything from warm-up to stretching to a 33-exercise regimen, complete with a weekly training plan.

"If you follow the booklet and align yourself correctly, you can work the 12 major muscle groups of the body," MacKinnon said.

"Army Fitness Deployed has been extremely successful," MacKinnon said. "They thought it was very ingenious that something so lightweight and so practical could be used for Soldiers."

King staff offers fitness classes

Several types of personal fitness classes are offered at King Field House. Authorized users of the facility can take part in the following:

Cardio Pump (Aerobics Classes) Monday and Wednesday 5:45 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

All fitness levels are encouraged to attend. Mondays tend to be traditional step class. On Wednesday, get two workouts in one with step and resistance equipment (bands, balls, tubes, etc.).

Fitness Yoga Monday and Thursday noon to 1 p.m. A not-

purist yoga class for all fitness levels. This lunchtime class integrates body and mind for a total performance featuring strength, conditioning, flexibility and time to calm the mind. Cost is \$2 per person or \$1.50 per class, if paid monthly.

Cardio Training Express. Develop cardio skills in two free sessions of intensive learning and training with a specialized instructor. This class is a jump-start to a cardio program for a new exerciser as well as providing motivation and direction for veterans. Session

I reviews principles and components of cardio training. Session II contains demonstrations and hands-on time with different cardio equipment.

Body Circuits. A full body workout using stations for constant variety and nonstop movement. This class allows the individual to gain familiarity with dumbbells, Nautilus equipment and cable equipment.

Weight Training Express. Develop weight training skills in two sessions of intensive learning with personal instructor. This class

provides motivation and direction for those who've been pumping iron for a while as well as new lifters. Session I reviews principles and components of weight training. Session II includes demonstrations and hands-on time in the weight room, learning proper form, breathing and stretching.

Cardio Challenge. This challenge involves different modes of cardiovascular exercise all within one workout. Various pieces of equipment may be used, including the bike, treadmill, stair climber, cross trainer and elliptical.

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Sports news in brief

Mom's special slated at center

Custer Hill Bowling Center offers something a little different for Mother's Day. The center invites families to take mom bowling on May 8. She will get to bowl free all day.

For more information, call the bowling center at 239-4366.

Programs offer softball leagues

The Fort Riley Sports Office is coordinating a wide range of softball play this year. Play will be open to Soldiers, women, government contract employees, federal services employees and family members in a variety of leagues.

Leagues being formed include one for unit competition at company, battery and troop level; men's and women's competition at battalion level; a co-ed team league and a community life team league.

Military unit league play is free to teams. Each team in the co-ed league must pay a \$120 fee and each team in the Community Life League must pay an \$85 fee.

Teams must submit letters of intent to play. Forms are available at the Fort Riley Sports Office at King Field House.

Individuals whose unit is deployed and cannot form a team at Fort Riley will be placed on another team, if they want to play.

Entry deadline to sign up a team up is close of business May 4. League play is scheduled to begin around May 10.

The first tournament of the year is the Spring Field Tournament scheduled for May 7-8. It is open to company level teams, women's battalion teams and community life teams.

For more information, call Barry Sunstrom at 239-3945.

Army lawyers plan golf tourney

The 12th annual Law Day Golf Tournament sponsored by the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate at Fort Riley will be May 4 at Custer Hill Golf Course.

The tournament is part of the Fort Riley community's Law Day celebration and is open to local and state law enforcement officials, civic and business leaders, the post community and the surrounding legal community.

For more information, call Capt. Bill Yanek at 239-3117.

Sports, swim activities slated

May is fitness month and Fort Riley offers some free fitness events and classes.

May 2, 4 - 9 to 10 a.m.,

train for the Prairie Run

May 3 - 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.,

PT Power Time

May 3 - 9 to 11 a.m.,

Mommy and Me Time, \$2 per family, Long Pool

May 6 - 7 to 10 p.m.,

Friday Family Fun Night, \$5 per family

Fridays - 7 to 10 p.m.,

open session roller skating,

Riley Wheels Skating Rink at King Field House

Saturdays - 6 to 8 p.m.,

and 8 to 10 p.m., open session

roller skating (\$1.25 stay-over

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Wheels Skating Rink at King

Field House

Sundays - 2 to 4 p.m.,

family skate session, \$1 each,

Riley Wheels Skating Rink

Department seeks instructors

The fitness department is looking for new fitness instructors to teach aerobic/kick boxing classes. Individuals certified by well-recognized associations, such as ACSM, AFAA or ACE will be considered. Anyone interested can send a resume to Building 202, Custer Avenue, fax it to 239-46870 or call 239-2813 for more information.



Sgt. Luis A. Soto of the 89th Trans. Co. based at Fort Eustis, Va., finishes his run in three hours and three seconds, taking first place in Iraq's Boston Marathon.

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the field, this was Soto's first marathon, and for him it was a very special accomplishment.

"Every runner, no matter what distance they run, always looks to run a full marathon to see what they are made of," Soto said. "Now I can say that I am a runner after having completed a full marathon on my own, and that is something that I will always remember."

Capt. Rodney T. Freeman of York, Maine, and an artillery officer of the New Hampshire Army National Guard's 197th Field Artillery Brigade, oversees the Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs for the military and civilian personnel stationed at the air base.

Freeman said he coordinated the event with the Boston Athletic Association as a way to give all the servicemembers a small taste of home and to take their mind away from the combat zone.

"I contacted the BAA about the idea of running our marathon at

the same time that the 109th Annual Boston Marathon is taking place back at home," Freeman said. "They were very supportive of the idea, and that is how this event got started."

Freeman said the BAA and the Outdoor Life Network, which incorporated footage of the Iraq Marathon in their television broadcast in the United States, went "above and beyond" in making the event complete. They provided official Boston Marathon medals, certificates and T-shirts for the participants.

"It is phenomenal to see the overwhelming show of support by the people back home for our servicemen and women, to include the multitude of volunteers here at the base who help make this event a reality," Freeman said.

Editor's note: Master Sgt. Lek Mateo serves with the 56th Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs Office, Texas Army National Guard.

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and bagged his first spring turkey.

The bird scored 52.8 according to rating criteria. "A dream bird would score an 80," Carle said. The biggest bird ever shot in a governor's hunt scored a 77, he said.

Carle's tom weighed 18 1/2 pounds, had an 8 1/2-inch beard and 7/8-inch spurs. It's not a trophy bird, however. Carle said he plans to eat it. "I wouldn't have gone after it otherwise," he said.

The Bradley Infantry Vehicle mechanic with 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, is no stranger to turkey hunting. He has hunted hens before in his home state of Illinois. But the governor's hunt taught him a couple of things, he said. For one, "keep the tail gate closed," he said with a chuckle.

The second: Spring turkey hunting is just like deer hunting, he said. "You use the females to bring in the toms."

One other thing Carle learned while hunting April 16: Dead turkeys conduct electricity. Carle was handing his bird to Seymour across an electric fence. The bird's neck brushed against the fence while both men held its legs, giving them a jolt and causing them to laugh for a while - after they both yelled when shocked.

Carle said he's looking forward to next year's governor's hunt. Hunters have to have been guides or hunters the previous year, be invited to the hunt and pay membership dues to hunt again, he said.

"I loved it. I can't wait to go back," Carle said.

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Pro bull riders honor Soldiers at invitational

By Clint Stein
Army News Service

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. - Combine 1,700-pound bucking bulls and 45 of the top bull riders in the world, mix in some of the nation's greatest Soldiers and you have a recipe for the Professional Bull Riders U.S. Army Invitational.

The 2005 U.S. Army Invitational April 15-17 at the World Arena in Colorado Springs was stop No. 19 on the PBR's 31-city "Built Ford Tuff Series" tour.

Adriano Moraes, a native Brazilian living in Keller, Texas, took top honors after riding three of four bulls for a full eight seconds - known in the sport as "covering" - during the course of the three-day event.

The PBR U.S. Army Invitational title was Moraes' third time winning a PBR championship in Colorado Springs after sharing the title in 2001 with Justin McBride from Elk City, Okla., and winning it outright in 2002. Moraes, who turned 35 April 13, was ranked 13th on the BFTS standings before going into the U.S. Army Invitational, but is now ranked eighth after winning the 2005 title.

Before the competition began opening night, Soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell, Ky., rappelled from the World Arena rafters to deliver a large American flag to Fort Carson Operation Iraqi Freedom Soldier veterans waiting in the arena.

The flag was then unfolded and

stretched out for the singing of the National Anthem.

A tribute to Soldiers continued April 15 and 17, as well, with the competition following.

After winning April 17, Moraes was congratulated by Gen. Peter Schoomaker, Army chief of staff, who made a special trip to Colorado Springs for the finals competition April 17.

Schoomaker said members of the Professional Bull Riders have some of the same traits found in U.S. Soldiers. They show qualities that reflect the Army values, he said.

James White, one of the three Army-sponsored PBR cowboys, said the same about Soldiers when he and another Army-sponsored rider and 2004 PBR World Champion Mike Lee paid a visit to Fort Carson April 14.

"These guys (Soldiers) go through a lot. They make a lot of sacrifices and they're proud of what they do. They're tough and we're tough and we have a lot in common," White said.

White, Lee and Jaron Nunemaker, the third Army-sponsored rider, did not compete in the U.S. Army Invitational because of various injuries, but White and Lee spent some time at Fort Carson visiting Soldiers and signing autographs at the Wolf Dining Facility.

Buckshot, a 1,700-pound Brahma bull, waited outside while White and Lee ate lunch in the dining facility with Maj. Gen. Robert Mixon Jr., 7th Infantry Division and Fort Carson commanding general, and Command

Sgt. Maj. Terrance McWilliams.

Although Buckshot looked fierce enough, he is not a bull used in competition, said Eugene Klower, one of the bull's caretakers. "He's like a big pet."

After lunch, White and Lee expressed their disappointment about not competing in the PBR U.S. Army Invitational.

"This is where the Army first picked us up last year and became our partners," Lee said. "It means a lot to come here. This is a special place for us; I wish we were healthy."

"The Army is the best sponsor a rider could have," White said. "We have a good relationship and actually consider the Army as a partner, not a sponsor."

He said they love helping relay the Army message across America to the young people and showing support for the Soldiers.

During the traditional PBR block party in downtown Colorado Springs April 13, White and Lee showed their support for the Army by talking with fans and signing autographs. After getting an autograph from White and Lee, fans could get custom identification tags made.

Fans could also admire some of the other Army-sponsored sports machines that filled the streets of downtown Colorado Springs. A dragster, two drag race motorcycles and a NASCAR stock car were some of the Army-sponsored vehicles on display.

Editor's note: Pfc. Clint Stein writes for the Fort Carson Mountaineer newspaper.

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Why I'm proud to drive Army car

By Joe Nemechek

TEXAS MOTOR SPEEDWAY, Texas – When I first got the call to drive the Army car, I thought, "...well, this'll be neat." But then I made my first visit to Walter Reed Army Hospital.

All the people I'd been watching on the news, I got to meet those guys. And that gave me a whole new outlook what's goin' on in the world and a renewed respect for what you guys and gals are doing to protect our freedom.

I want to tell you that my team and I take a lot of pride in that Army car. We give 100 percent all the time, never giving up, because we know that Soldiers are pulling for us.

Believe me, we want it in the front as badly as you guys do. And sometimes that's hard, because we've got a lot of competition here.

We're proud to be representing the Army and its Soldiers and families, especially those who have sacrificed so much.

I've visited several military hospitals and met hundreds of Soldiers.

Their devotion to duty and

their desire to get back to their buddies and continue the fight amaze and inspire me.

Yesterday (April 19) in Texas I met a young Soldier, Spc. (Ret.) Robert Jackson, who served in Iraq in the 186th Military Police Company.

Robert lost both of his legs in an attack, but the spirit and enthusiasm of this young man are inspiring. To look at this man from the waist up, you'd never know he was wounded in action.

I know a motorcycle drag racer with two artificial legs. He has several sets - one for racin' that are shorter so he can keep a low center of gravity. When he goes out, he wears ones that make him taller.

People like that astound me.

It's so great to talk to Soldiers who tell me that they were up at 2 a.m. in Iraq watching the 01 Army Chevrolet race.

They sometimes tell us that they appreciate what we're doing to give them something to pull for. That knowledge gives the Army racing team an extra incentive to perform each Sunday.

You, who are putting your lives on the line to protect us, thank you.

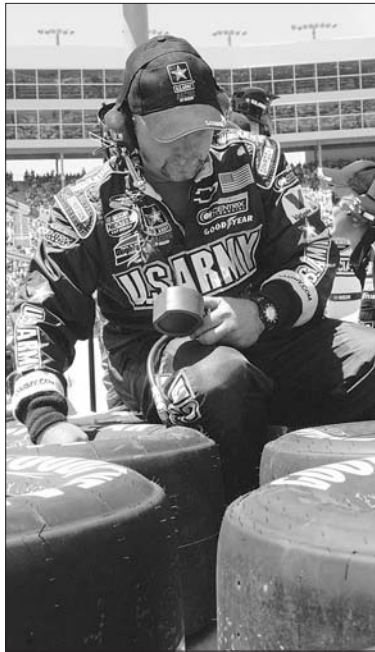
Without you, we who live here in America do not have our freedoms.

We who race, and the people who come to watch us race by the thousands, owe you a debt of gratitude.

Without you, none of this would be possible.



Joe Nemechek



Scott Swift, tire specialist on the Army 01 Chevrolet, at work in the pits during last weekend's Samsung / Radio Shack 500 at the Texas Motor Speedway.

Army News Service/Thurmond

Tire specialist keeps Army car rolling along

By William Thurmond

Army News Service

ARLINGTON, Va. – They weigh 70 pounds, cost about \$400 each, and the Army's racing team uses up about 40 every race weekend.

But, each tire must pass muster before Scott Swift will allow them on his race car.

"Swift," as he's called by his Army teammates, knows tires. He is, by his own description, a "polymer technician."

Swift understands a tire's quirks and complexities the way an experienced infantryman can read a piece of terrain and see things a civilian would never see. It's a big responsibility, and it's his expertise that keeps the Army 01 Chevrolet rolling on the track.

He got his start in the sport as an unpaid volunteer for a small team. "A race shop opened up half a mile from my house. ... So I stopped by that shop and kept pestering and buggin' 'em," Swift said. "For about six or eight months, I helped out there after I got off work. One day they called me and offered me a job."

This season marks his 11th year in NASCAR, and all of that time he has been working with tires. Goodyear, the sole supplier of tires for NASCAR, made Swift's weekends even more hectic when

they changed the tire structure for this season.

"They made a lot of changes. They made the sidewalls softer and changed the compound of the rubber," Swift said. "We've really been working hard to get a handle on them this year."

During the weekend race at Texas Motor Speedway April 16-17, and just like the other 35 NEXTEL Cup race weekends, 'Swift' was in constant motion.

Changing track temperatures and conditions, not to mention Joe Nemechek's frequent calls to loosen up or tighten the car's handling characteristics, meant minute-by-minute tire pressure adjustments. And with eight sets of tires to keep up with, that's a whole lot of adjusting.

Sometimes he is called to adjust a tire's pressure by as little as a half a pound. While that may not sound like much, on these finely tuned machines, it can spell the difference between victory and defeat. Or worse.

"I think that can have a big impact on the car's performance," Swift said.

Swift said he enjoys working on the Army team.

"These are a good bunch of guys. I feel I was real lucky to have the opportunity to join the team and work for a crew chief like Ryan Pemberton."

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Hospital plans open house

The military community has been invited to attend Irwin Army Community Hospital's Open House May 9, in celebration of National Hospital Week.

National Hospital Week began in 1921 to alleviate public fears about hospitals of that day. Since that time, its purpose has expanded and it is now celebrated in healthcare facilities across the nation. IACH's National Hospital Week Activities include:

May 9 – Open House with exhibits and tours of available services

May 11 – Mini Health Fair at the Post Exchange highlighting preventive medicine, nutrition and more

May 14 – Physical therapy staff, in coordination with the Fort Riley Sports Office, will conduct foot-type assessments and gait analysis and offer running shoe recommendations at Fort Riley's Outdoor Recreation Center.

For more information, call Jan Clark at 239-7250.

Spouse day scheduled

Army Community Service staff at the Soldier and Family Support Center will host a spouse appreciation day event from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. May 6.

The event is titled "Spouse's Night Out," and all spouses are being encouraged to take part in a fun-filled night of games, food and prizes. Each spouse also receives a special gift.

Military Spouse Day was first celebrated in 1984 when then-President Ronald Reagan proclaimed the observance to honor the contributions of military spouses. The military now sets aside the Friday before Mother's Day each year to pay tribute to the spouses who play a vital role in the nation's defense.

For more information, call Lisa Mathews at 239-9435.

Spouses plan 'Fun' brunch

Members of the Officers' and Civilians' Spouses' Club will celebrate the beginning of summer May 19 with the club's last function until its Welcome Tea in August. The "Fun in the Sun" brunch is planned for 9:30 a.m. at Riley's Conference Center and will feature a breakfast buffet. Cost is \$8 per person.

Those wishing to attend should RSVP to Janelle Allen at www.fortrileyosce.com no later than noon May 11.

School to host spring carnival

The Fort Riley Elementary Spring Carnival will run from 4 to 7 p.m. April 30. The carnival will include food, games and outdoor exhibits. Tickets are required for all food and games. Four tickets cost \$1 on the day of the carnival.

Post yard sale set for April 30

Fort Riley will host a post-wide yard sale open to the public from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 30. People without a government identification card must show a valid vehicle registration, proof of current auto insurance and a valid driver's license to gain entry at Fort Riley's access points.

Artist paints free portraits of KIA

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

The black and gray shades on a soft white pallet seem appropriate for a portrait of a Soldier who is now a memory. The man portrayed lived a vibrant life that some say is concealed by the plain, grayish image peering through the framed glass.

Relatives would argue that point.

Duty in Iraq took the life of Army Maj. Horst "Gary" Moore, an air defense artillery officer assigned to 24th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, who spent his ROTC

summer camp at Fort Riley.

He was killed in a mortar attack that hit his living quarters in Mosul Nov. 9, 2004.

To those who didn't know Gary, the portrait may seem lifeless. The portrait, however, captures his innate character and nudges to mind many fond memories for his mother, Suzanne Workman, and his sister, Bea Magathan, both living near Emporia, Kan.

The portrait is a gift from artist Michael Reagan, internationally known for his portraits of professional athletes, movie stars and world leaders.

His decision to provide the free portraits came after he received an

e-mail request from a war widow who had seen a television show that talked about Reagan's charitable work. She wanted to commission Reagan to draw a portrait of her husband.

After reading the e-mail, Reagan reportedly told his wife he could not accept the requested portrait as a commission for pay. It was something he would have to do for free. He had experienced the horrors of war as a Marine in Vietnam and said, "What else could I do, from one combat veteran for another?"

Reagan has set himself a mission to draw the portrait of any

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His mother, Suzanne Workman, and sister, Bea Magathan, pose with a pencil portrait of Maj. Gary Moore, who was killed in Iraq.

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On the hunt



Teresa Thompson, her husband Sgt. 1st Class Rick Thompson and their children Ian and Annabelle, pick up a clue at the Old Bill statue.

Families examine clues, find treasures

By Austin Meek
Staff writer

"Make your way down the street for something thrifty and nifty to decorate your retreat" was the first clue awaiting families who participated in the 2005 Scavenger Challenge on April 23.

The clue led families to the Fort Riley Thrift Shop, the first stop along a three-mile route filled with historic sites, games and fitness tips.

The purpose of the event was to encourage families to be active together, according to fitness specialist Stacy Toner, who coordinated the Scavenger Challenge. She said about 125 people walked, jogged or rollerbladed the course.

At each station along the way, families

picked up a new clue that led them to their next destination. Some stations were historic attractions, such as the U.S. Cavalry Museum, the "Old Bill" statue and the Custer House, while others provided fitness tips and activities.

At one station, families performed jumping jacks, push-ups, sit-ups and mountain-climber exercises and learned what muscles were used for each exercise. They also participated in sack races, three-legged races and a 160-yard dash.

Fourteen cadets from Junction City High School's Junior ROTC program were in charge of the games and activities. "We're providing a service," said Cadet Tim Mack. "We're just here to help (the families) have fun."

Families who completed the course

received a family picture. Participants also registered for door prizes, including backpacks, game balls, kites and passes to the roller rink.

Kevin Forbes, who participated in the scavenger hunt with his parents, said he didn't even realize how much exercise he'd gotten until after they'd completed the course.

"My favorite part was walking with my family," he said. "I didn't even notice when I was walking, but now my legs are burning!"

Families will have another opportunity to exercise together at Fit Family Day on May 14 at Outdoor Recreation. The event features camping, hiking and biking demonstrations, a two-mile fun run and yoga demonstrations.

Post honors service givers

Ceremony to recognize volunteers

By April Blackmon
Staff writer

Thirty-six of the more than 2,000 individuals who donated time and services to Fort Riley activities will be honored at the annual volunteer recognition ceremony May 2 at Riley's Conference Center. The ceremony will begin at 7 p.m.

Four teens and 32 adults were nominated by the organizations in which they volunteered for "Volunteer of the Year" honors. The teen and adult winners will be announced at the ceremony.

"It was very hard for the committee to select one person because they all do so much," said Becky Willis, Army Family Team Building coordinator.

Also being recognized at the ceremony will be post housing area mayors.

Prizes and drawings will be given at various post locations throughout the week for all who volunteered, Willis said.

More than 2,000 volunteers provided assistance in family readiness groups, Boy and Girl Scouts, chapels and the Red Cross, as well as several other organizations on post. Volunteers helped save Fort Riley some \$1.98 million last year in labor expenses, Willis estimated.

The Red Cross led in volunteer efforts, Willis said. Volunteers logged more than 19,000 hours working at blood drives and in Irwin Army Community Hospital, manning canteens for deployments and redeployments and helping out in several other areas.

Child and Youth Services volunteers logged in the second-most number of hours – more than 8,000. Volunteers included youth sports coaches and course instructors.

The recognition ceremony is open to the public. Willis asks that anyone interested in attending the awards ceremony RSVP by calling her at 239-9435.

Interested in volunteering?

Contact Becky Willis at 239-9435 or send e-mail to becky.willis@us.army.mil.

Willis said she can help locate an organization on post in need of a volunteer based on a person's interests.

Savings can make dreams come true

Editor's note: This is the fifth article in a series about a workshop that offered open discussion about personal problems and issues relating to Soldier deployment to Iraq and the resulting single-parenting responsibilities spouses face at home.

By April Blackmon
Staff writer

It is possible to have that dream house or dream retirement with a little financial management and savings, said Army spouse Karen

Pool. Pool shared her personal savings tips at the Take Hold of Reality and Invest for Victory in the End (THRIVE) workshop at Fort Riley May 31.

"Have a dream and then set your goals toward that dream," she said. "I decided after a couple of years in the Army that if I was going to lead this lifestyle, I wanted to have something really special when he got ready to retire."

"The first thing I decided was - what is my dream and what's his? So we got together and talked about it and decided that we really want to retire in 20 years. We don't

looked at everything we wanted to do and figured out how much we needed.

"We broke it down by how much we needed to save each year, and then we got even more specific and went monthly," she said.

Setting aside money for savings wasn't always an appealing idea, Pool said.

"In the beginning, when we were first married, he'd say, 'we need to save, we need to save,' and I thought, 'well, OK, that isn't any fun, just saving money.' But then

Pool said they figured out what they needed to save every year to reach their goals.

"We wanted to buy a house without having a huge mortgage and first we have kids that we want to put through school. So we

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Riley's to host Mom's lunch

Riley's Conference Center will host a Mother's Day lunch from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. May 8. The menu will include roast pork tenderloin, seasoned fried chicken, whipped mashed potatoes with gravy, seasoned carrots, hot cherry cobbler, house salad and hot rolls.

The price for adults 12 and older is \$13.95 per person. Children 4 to 12 eat for \$10.50. Reservations are recommended.

For more information or to make a reservation, call Riley's Conference Center at 784-1000.

Child care class available

A Family Child Care orientation will be offered the first Thursday of each month (May 5) for people interested in becoming an FCC provider. The orientation is given from 2:30 to 4 p.m. in Building 6630.

FCC providers are being recruited to replace providers who will soon leave Fort Riley and to meet demands for infant and hourly care.

For more information, call the FCC director at 239-9892.

Chaplain seeks nursery workers

The Fort Riley's Chaplain's Office is accepting bids to work in a nursery setting during various chapel sponsored programs. Workers must be at least 18 years old.

Workers are allowed to bring one of their own children under age 5 to the nursery during the time they are scheduled to work.

Openings exist for Sunday and Tuesday mornings, Thursday evenings and for special events. Applicants must bid on the schedule they would like work on and how much they would like to be paid.

For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Leslie Setzer Monday through Friday at 239-3557.

Special Olympics extends invitation

The local Special Olympics group invites families who have special needs individuals to join them in their upcoming events.

Special Olympics is a worldwide program providing year-round training, education and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for people age 8 and older with mental and physical retardation.

For more information, call Geary County representatives Otis Scroggins at 238-1342 or Bob Alan at 762-2149.

Agencies offer free baby-sitting

The Armed Services YMCA in Junction City will provide free babysitting for parents attending one of the Soldier and Family Support Center programs or respite programs offered by the New Parents Support Program, Exceptional Family Member Program, Family Advocacy or social services on post.

For information about the respite programs, call 239-9435.

Youth Services also offers respite for a couple of hours two Saturdays a month for spouses of deployed soldiers. For more information, call Youth Services at 239-4847.

Parents must request the respite services through the Soldier and Family Support Center.

The hours of service differ with the different programs and some evening hours are available. The Armed Services YMCA is at 111 E. 16th St. in Junction City.

Marriage classes scheduled

The Morris Hill Gospel Congregation sponsors marriage seminars on the first and third Mondays of each month.

For more information, call Morris Hill Chapel at 239-4814.

Chapel service needs musicians

The contemporary Protestant worship service is in need of a pianist, bass player and acoustic guitar player for its Sunday morning services in Kapaun Chapel on Custer Hill.

Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings.

Anyone interested should call Juanita Boudreaux at 784-2918.

Youth services wants instructors

Instructors are needed for dance, violin, voice, guitar, martial arts and any other form of instructional programming someone is interested in teaching. Instructors also are needed to teach weeklong summer camps.

Classes will be held on Fort Riley and may be scheduled at the convenience of the instructor or based on need. Instructors will be paid as contractors.

For more information, contact the Instructional Programs Specialist at 239-4723 or Central Registration at 239-4847.

Society seeks tour docents

The Historical and Archaeological Society of Fort Riley needs docents who can volunteer two hours every few months to share the post's history with others.

HASFR docents give group tours of the Custer House and tours of Fort Riley. The training is free and provided by museum curator Bill McKale.

For further information, call Alicia Broadwater at 717-3266.

Mom can have some time off

The Armed Services YMCA at 111 E. 16th St. in Junction City moms some time each week to take a break from their children.

Mom's Monday Out runs from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$7 for the first child older than 2 and \$6.25 for each additional child over age 2. Children under age 2 cost \$7.75 for the first child and \$7 for each additional child under age 2.

A snack lunch and snack must be provided for each child.

Mom's Morning Out runs from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesdays. Cost is \$7 for the first child older than 2 and \$6.25 for each additional child over age 2. Children under age 2 cost \$7.75 for the first child and \$7 for each additional child under age 2.

A snack lunch and snack must be provided for each child.

Mid-Week Break runs from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesdays. Cost is \$7 for the first child older than 2 and \$6.25 for each additional child over age 2. Children under age 2 cost \$7.75 for the first child and \$7 for each additional child under age 2.

A snack lunch and snack must be provided for each child.

For more information, call 238-2972 or send e-mail to asymca@nqks.com.

Car seat safety checks offered

Anyone wanting a child's car seat checked by a safety expert should call 239-2514 to make an appointment. Appointments are available from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at building 407, Pershing Court.

Children younger than 4 are required to sit in car seats.

Those 4 and older must wear seat belts. Child safety advocates say children 4 to 7 years old should sit in booster seats that allow seat belts to fit them properly.

Stay In Step with Fort Riley

See what's happening on Fort Riley cable Channel 2 every day at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Society sponsors historic homes tour

By Jay Baker

Public affairs intern

Families and guides related the history of events occurring within the 140-year-old walls of homes filled today with modern amenities and decorations. Today and yesterday were combined April 24 during the Historical and Archaeological Society of Fort Riley spring tour of seven family residences on Barty, Forsyth and Sheridan avenues, often referred to as "officers row."

The historical society organizes the yearly event to showcase Fort Riley and its historical homes. The event also raises money the group uses to fund its activities and outreach programs.

Some sightseers strolled from St. Mary's Chapel while others took a horse-drawn carriage to Custer House, where re-enactors spun yarns and demonstrated the manners and customs deemed appropriate for a Victorian tea party of days gone by.

Homes on the tour were built during the late 19th century without today's modern appliances or even plumbing. However, visitors could imagine being at formal parties in held in the upstairs ballroom at Quarters 1, the commanding general's home. The room once spanned the width of the entire house. It is now divided into three

rooms. Cavalry Parade Field may still be viewed from the balcony.

HASFR member Kelly Bower invited people interested in history and architecture into her home to view her personality revealed in an eclectic style of decorating.

Col. Marilyn Brooks, Irwin Army Community Hospital commander, told visitors about one of her favorite rooms.

"The dining room is more family oriented, as you can see from the family pictures on the wall," she said. The paintings and sculptures in her home reflect a military influence especially visible in her interest in the old cavalry's Buffalo Soldiers.

Diane and Lt. Col. Matthew Richards' home displays pictures and paintings that remind them of places they have visited or have been stationed.

The residents who opened their homes to the public April 24 share something in common. They seem to appreciate the rich historical character of Fort Riley.

"Fort Riley is the most historical installation I have ever been on, and the only one I know (that) has a historical society," said Diane Hardy, wife of Fort Riley's commanding general. "We want to showcase the post, and this is one way to share it with everyone," she added.



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Several women, including Alie T. Johnson (left) from K-State sorority Delta Delta Delta, dressed in late 19th century frontier American style and acted as home guides April 24.

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After explaining the fun parts and the parts that are not so fun in her job to the children, naturalist Liz Harrison allowed them to touch Billy, a possum kept at Milford Nature Center.

Students learn about careers

By Jay Baker

Public affairs intern

Children at Fort Riley Elementary School probably know what their parents do for a living. They see their mom or dad come home in a uniform every day.

To introduce them to other occupations, the school held a career day April 22 and invited a dentist, naturalist, engineer, beautician and several other professionals to discuss and demonstrate their work to the youngsters.

The children chose five occupations they wanted to learn more about from a long list of occupations and rotated to each presentation, spending about 15 minutes at each spot.

"There are a lot of things I want to do. I want to experience things so that I will know more about them," Brittany Farias said.

Farias is in the third grade and chose to learn more about entertainment, medical and construction jobs.

She seemed to enjoy the engineer's presentation the most. The dune buggy brought by the Kansas State University professor and the mechanical engineering student sparked her interest, she said, but the idea of using math to design and improve the vehicle seemed to dampen her enthusiasm.





Community news briefly

Story hour features animals

Fort Riley's Post Library staff invites children to story-times at 1:30 p.m. every Saturday. Children can hear a story and make a craft to take home. A light snack will also be served. All children are welcome, however, parents must accompany children under the age of 10.

"Don't Wake Up Mama!" is the story on April 30. Five little monkeys try to surprise their mother by baking a birthday cake, but the firemen have to come when the monkeys burn the cake.

Children's storytimes in May will feature ducks and geese. The featured author/illustrators are Doreen Cronin and Audrey, Don and Douglas Woods.

On May 7, "Make Way For Ducklings," by Robert McCloskey, is the classic story of the mother duck and her eight fluffy ducklings who make their home in a Boston city park.

On May 14, "Giggle, Giggle, Quack" by Doreen Cronin is the tale of what happens when the farm animals trick Farmer Bob into following their orders. It's pizza with anchovies for the hens, bubble baths for the pigs and movies for the cows.

On May 21, "Duck for President," also by Doreen Cronin, tells how the Farmer's Duck hits the campaign trail but soon discovers that elected office isn't all it's "quacked" up to be.

On May 28, "Howard," by James Stevenson, tells the story of Howard the Duck and his adventures in New York City with his new friends.

The library is in Building 5306 on Custer Hill. Library hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. The library is closed on Mondays.

For more information, call Victoria Martin at 239-5305.

Center teaches home-alone kids

School Age Services is offering "Home Alone" training to children 10 and older. The training focuses on skills children need to remain safe if they are home alone.

Classes are scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. May 13, June 16 and July 14 in Building 6620. The May dates coincide with days students are out of school in Geary County Unified School District 475.

Cost for the class is free to children enrolled with Child Youth Services and \$10 for children not enrolled. Parents may attend. For more information, call 239-5077 or 239-9478.

Waiting spouses schedule event

The Waiting Spouses' Group has teamed with the Spouses of Deployed Soldiers Group to provide a spouse activity day every fourth Monday (May 23) of the month. Activities are scheduled from noon to 3 p.m. at the Soldier and Family Support Center, Building 7264.

The Waiting Spouses' Group is designed to support spouses whose Soldiers are serving an unaccompanied tour. Separations for these spouses may be stressful because they and their families are left behind without the support network and regular contact that a unit of Family Readiness Group would otherwise provide.

For more information about joining the group or participating in its activities, call Lisa Mathews at 239-9435 or e-mail lisa.m.mathews@riley.army.mil.

Auto center offers classes

The Auto Skills Center offers free basic and advanced automotive repair classes. The basic class is offered from 6 to 7 p.m. the first and third Thursday (May 5 and May 19) of each month. The advanced class is offered from 6 to 7 p.m. every second and fourth Thursday (May 12 and May 26).

For more information, call 239-9764.

Teen activities planned

April 29 – 6 to 11 p.m., movies in Manhattan
April 30 – 6 to 11 p.m., family potluck

For more information, call the Teen Center at 239-9222.

Crafts center classes posted

May 1 – 1 to 4:30 p.m., scrapbooking get-together

May 2 – 7 p.m., crochet, knitting and cross-stitch

May 2 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., wood safety orientation

May 2 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., introduction to stained glass

May 2 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., intermediate and advanced stained glass

May 3 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., mold pouring

May 3 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., wood class (picnic table)

May 4 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., introduction to stained glass

For more information, call the Arts and Crafts Center at 239-9205.

BOSS schedules variety of events

April 29 – Cinco de Mayo trip to Fort Sam Houston, Texas
May 5 and 6 – Mother's Day flower sale

June 16-19 – Universal Studios trip. The \$250 trip price includes airfare, three nights in a hotel, airport transfers and transportation and admission to Universal Studios. The trip price is subject to change after May 23. For more information, contact the BOSS president at 239-8147 or call Information, Ticketing and Registration at 239-5414 to sign up.

For more information about Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, call 239-8147.

Rally Point offers entertainment

May 1 – 7 p.m., WWE pay-per-view Backlash

May 4 – 5 to 9 p.m., Wednesday 20-cent Wing Night

May 6 – 5 to 8 p.m., Family Night with family friendly movie, music and buffet

For more information, call 784-5434.

Scouts seek volunteers

The Girl Scouts are looking for volunteers who can devote at least two hours each week for two months this summer on post. No Girl Scout experience is needed.

To volunteer or for more information, call (800) 432-0286, extension 44, and ask for Nina Keeler, member services manager.

Shop invites customers

No military ID is needed to shop at the Post Thrift Shop in Building 267 on Stuart Avenue, next to the stables. Family Readiness Groups may reserve space in the store from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 7 to sell items to make money for support activities.

Store hours for shopping are 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first Saturday of each month.

Consignments are accepted 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and 10 a.m. to noon the first Saturday of every month. The store allows 15 items per consignment, but only seven items of clothing. All consignments must be clean and in good condition. The store is not accepting consignments of summer clothing.

Consignment checks are available for pick-up on Tuesdays and Thursdays when showing an ID.

Volunteers are always needed and welcomed. Reimbursement is available for volunteers needing childcare, and volunteers receive 25 percent off all Thrift Shop merchandise bought the day they volunteer.

For more information, call 784-3874.

Civilian wins Army arts award

By Tim Hipps
Army News Service

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — An Army civilian was the lone recipient of the Judges Award for Excellence among 20 winners in the 2004 Army Arts and Crafts Contest. Seven Fort Riley entries won or placed in varying categories.

Andrew Washington's "We

Touched the Face of God" won the oil painting category for accomplished artists and earned the highest honor bestowed by three judges.

His "Lords of the West" drawing also took first-place honors, making Washington the only two-category winner among nearly 200 entries from military installations worldwide. Washington works for

the 411th Base Support Battalion's property book office in Heidelberg, Germany.

Fort Riley's Cora Duchene took first place in the novice water-base painting category with her entry titled "Helping Hand." Col. John Simpson, garrison commander, received an honorable mention in the same category for his picture "Kansas Sunflower."

Maj. William Wong of Fort Riley won the novice wood category with his cradle.

Also in the novice woodworker category, Fort Riley's Capt. Elizabeth Barnaby's twin bed made of ash placed third and Chief Warrant Officer Edmund Guzman's maple Hoosier kitchen cabinet received an honorable mention.

Another Fort Riley woodworker, Chief Warrant Officer Ronald Nidiffer, placed third in the accomplished woodworker category with his walnut cabinet maker's bench.

Mitch Gerber of Fort Riley placed second in the novice drawing category and Lauren Gullotta of Fort Riley received honorable mention in the same category for her drawing of "Alexandra."

The Army Arts and Crafts Contest is an annual, juried competi-

2005 contest

Submission deadline: May 25

Who may enter: Authorized MWR patrons, with the exception of employees of the Army Arts and Crafts program

Submissions: Must be the entrant's original work be completed within 24 months of the date of the contest year

Divisions: Novice and accomplished

For more details: Write to USACFSC Attn: CFSC-CR (Arts & Crafts), 4700 King Street - 4th floor, Alexandria, VA 22302-4418 or send e-mail to art@cfsc.army.mil



Courtesy Photo

Andrew Washington of Heidelberg, Germany, took first place in the accomplished drawing group in the 2004 Army Arts and Crafts Contest with "Lords of the West."

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when we got our goals set, like 'we're going to have this kind of house and this much acreage,' you're looking forward to something, you're saving for a reason," she said.

The Pools' goal was to someday own a nice farm.

"We want to raise our own vegetables, raise our own animals. We're going to do that and sit on our porch and talk to each other," Pool said.

Having a goal in sight and being able to visualize a dream home is a good motivator for saving money, said Thrive's workshop coordinator Renee Teetsel.

"I thought that was so cool, that they didn't just think, 'OK, we need to save,' but that they have a dream together and they base their goals on that and they're doing that as a team," Teetsel said.

To reach their goal, the Pools' philosophy is to "save as much as you can," Pool said.

"(My husband) has really pushed me in that area. I do think it's important to save as much as you can, especially while they're gone, because you don't know what's going to come up," Pool said. "I know we have all these huge paychecks ... But think about it, you were living on what you were making before he left. What if you just lived on that still and all that extra money you have you can put in a savings account? And think about all the money you'll have when he gets home."

Pool said she takes her savings even further.

"I have this envelope ... and every month I put a little bit in my envelope, and I sometimes use it for Christmas, sometimes I use it

for like when he comes home and we want to go on a little trip and don't want to take it out of this month's budget because it's already been spent," she said. "Like this month, I had a little extra money and thought, 'ooh, I can go to the mall. And I thought, no, I'll just stick it in the savings account because I'm looking at that dream home.'"

Savings is an issue not really pressed in today's society, Teetsel said.

"Our parents, or maybe your grandparents, used to take for granted 'saving for a rainy day.' That was the mindset that most people had. They knew that life was uncertain, that the future, nobody could tell what would happen. And most of those people in that generation did have money set aside for emergencies," Teetsel

said.

With one spouse deployed, saving can be quite simple, given the extra pay coming in, said Army spouse Marian Mueller.

"I save it all," Mueller said of their extra deployment pay. "That's not money I need to live on. I've learned to live on what we make and that's just extra. And because of how things worked with the first deployment, it was really frightening for me to think about, 'what if something happens to the car.' And so I don't have to have that fear now."

Even if you don't want to save it all, save some of it, Mueller said.

"I've heard that some men come home to more debt than they left. And I just think it's a disservice to what they're doing. I just encourage to save a little bit," she said.

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U.S. servicemember killed in Iraq, if a relative would like to have one.

Bea said she learned about Reagan's offer while perusing the Web site of Gary's old unit. She asked and was assured by Reagan that he would draw Gary's portrait. She sent several photos of Gary, and a week after Reagan had promised he would be happy to do a portrait, Bea's husband, Howard, handed her a large padded envelope.

"This came in the mail today," Bea remembered Howard saying. The envelope was sealed and Bea quickly opened it. What she took from the envelope was not just a penciled drawing of her brother. It was like pulling him out of the envelope," she said.

"My brother always tried to look so tough, but in his eyes and at just the corners of his mouth you could see him smiling. Michael's portrait caught the smile in his face without a grin, just like I remember him," Bea explained.

Sister's memories

"He didn't want us to worry. When we asked what he was doing in Iraq, he'd say, 'Just kickin' in a big old sandbox.'"

"We talked a lot by e-mail."

A final e-mail from Bea (not sent):

"They told me yesterday that you are gone. I cannot believe I will never see you again."

"You were there when I was young. You held my hand when I was scared."

"You were with me through times I did not understand."

"I listened when you shared your hopes and dreams. You listened to me and wanted all my dreams to come true."

"I thought of you when contemplating who I should be. You were my hero, my brother, my friend."

"I love you always, and in that there is no end."

Fallen Hero Project

The "Fallen Heroes" project is Michael Reagan's "calling" to draw portraits requested by relatives of any servicemember killed in Iraq.

To learn more, go to www.michaelgreaganartist.com on the Web.

Reagan's studio is located at 500 Admiral Way, Suite 104, in Edmonds, Wash., near the fishing dock.

Gary's portrait hangs in Bea's and Howard's living room, creating a presence of the "Fallen Hero" this family wants to keep close in their hearts and minds.

Susanne, whose home is Berlin, Germany, is no stranger to the casualties of military life. She lost her father in World War II. She married a U.S. Soldier and lost him while he was on an unaccompanied assignment in Korea.

She prays every day, she said, that fighting and killing will end and everyone can come home.

Her oldest son, Gary, has come home in a sense. "I have pictures of him in my house that are the first things I see when I get out of bed," she said. "He's always with me."

Bea is having a copy of the penciled portrait framed for Mother's Day, so Susanne will have one more picture to help her keep her son close.

Looking at the portrait hanging on Bea's wall, Susanne said she feels as though the eyes follow her wherever she goes, and that is comforting, she said as she wiped tears from her eyes.

Mother's memories

"He was very modest, but he was a perfectionist."

"He threw his school-work in the trash one day because it didn't look exactly like the teacher's."

"I called him in Hawaii and asked if he made major. He said, 'Oh yes, I got it.' He made major in October, and I called him the end of December."

School promotes wellness

By April Blackmon
Staff writer

Fort Riley Middle School's gyms overflowed with fitness, wellness and fun April 20. From jugglers and chiropractors to military police and mental health experts, students learned ways to stay safe and healthy in an entertaining atmosphere.

The annual fair provided students a "variety of activities, most based on wellness and some offering ideas for positive use of free time. Hopefully they'll take that into the summer and stay safe and increase fitness and wellness," said physical education instructor Joanie Hayden.

The numerous stations allowed middle schoolers to climb walls, race one another getting dressed in full firefighter gear, examine the inner workings of teeth and more. Students also could assess various

aspects of their health.

"A lot of people have done the blood pressure and body fat mea-

surements," said family/consumer science teacher Alicia Pecenka.

With all the activities offered,

students said they enjoyed getting out of the classroom setting.

"Sometimes it's nice to learn something in a different way, other than in class," said seventh-grader Tiffany Chapman.

Students also went home with a variety of "freebies," including camouflage Bibles, baseball cards and informational handouts. Several students were seen walking around with doctor's masks and gloves on and bags filled with goodies.

Not every station had a tangible giveaway, however. Several students took lessons and tips from booths they visited.

A car crash educational video was the most entertaining activity for seventh-grader Michael Coleman, who said he learned tips to help him when he is able to drive.

"You should be really careful about driving at night," he said, "and have a seatbelt on to keep you safe."



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Fort Riley Middle School teacher Vic Garcia takes seventh-grader Bria Dansby's blood pressure at the school's wellness fair April 20.

Commissaries court young Soldiers

By Rob Hansen
DeC4

FORT LEE, Va. — May is Commissary Awareness Month, and once again commissaries are partnering with single servicemember programs and Air Force First Term Airmen Centers to inform young military members about their commissary benefit.

In conjunction with local commissaries, programs such as Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, Single Marine Program, Navy Liberty Program and FTAC's will implement fun and informative commissary tours during May.

"The commissary benefit is an important part of any military member's benefits and there is still a misconception among new and single servicemembers that only married personnel can shop at the commissary," said Patrick Nixon, chief executive officer and acting director for the Defense Commissary Agency. "That is far from the truth, and CAM activities refute that misconception."

About 80 programs worldwide participated in last year's CAM campaign, and the goal for 2005 is to top 100, Nixon said.

The theme for Commissary Awareness Month is "It's Your Choice, Make It Healthy," which

puts emphasis on the commissary as the place to shop for a wide selection.

The Consumer Awareness Team, comprised of industry partners, donates \$100 in commissary gift certificates to participating programs for use as prizes, drawings or refreshments during activities. Often, local vendors partner with commissary store directors to provide additional incentives, prizes and games.

Participating programs are also encouraged to submit packages outlining their Commissary Awareness Month events to the Consumer Awareness Team for a chance to win Bonus Bucks.

Programs compete with other programs in their respective services for a top prize of \$750 and second and third prizes of \$250 and \$100, respectively. These awards can be used for program initiatives. An FTAC must partner with an installation organization that can accept industry donations.

"Young military members often learn about their commissary benefit through word of mouth, and for some the Commissary Awareness Month tour is the first time they have been in the commissary," Nixon said. "By reaching out to young servicemembers, we hope to build lifelong commissary shoppers."

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America's Warfighting Center

Friday, April 29, 2005

Leisuretime ideas

At the movies:

Phone: (620) 344-5430
Admission: Free

The Barlow Theater doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children 11 and under. Children under age 5 are free except during children's matinees or expected sell-outs.

April 29 — Hostage (R)
April 30 — Robots (PG)
May 1 — Robots (PG)
May 5 — Hostage (R)
For more information, call 784-2226 or 784-2640.

Manhattan:

What: "Pippin." Book by Roger O. Hirson; Music and Lyrics by Stephen Schwartz. An evening of wonderful musical theatre the whole family will enjoy.

When: 8 p.m. April 29-30 and May 5-7 and 2 p.m. May 1 and 8
Where: Grosh Performance Hall, Manhattan Arts Center
Phone: (785) 537-4420
Admission: Varies

What: Aaron Brown and Marc Berghaus: Terra Incognita. Exhibit of contemporary realism paintings by Aaron Brown and metaphysical sculpture by Marc Berghaus. Also art quilts by Jacqueline Hughes Mooney, intaglio etchings by James Munce, pastel landscapes by Judy Love. In addition, a ceramics installation by Anna Calluori Holcombe, figurative ceramics by Brian McCallum, and art glass by Stephen Prothrope.

When: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday April 29 through June 11

Where: 406 1/2 Poyntz Avenue, Strecker-Nelson Gallery
Phone: (785) 537-2099
Admission: Free

Abilene:

What: Men's Ranch Rodeo. Cowboys from across Kansas and neighboring states demonstrate skills of ranching.

When: 7:30 p.m. April 30 and May 1

Where: Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo Arena
Phone: (785) 263-2521 or (800) 569-5915
Admission: \$10 at gate; \$8 in advance

Lawrence:

What: Ping Chong's Native Voices Secret History. Experimental theatre. Script is based on personal stories and experiences of Native Americans in the Lawrence community.

When: 7:30 p.m. April 28

Where: 1600 Stewart Drive, Lied Center of Kansas
Phone: (785) 864-2787
Admission: Varies

What: Art in the Park. Artists display and sell their original artwork in a beautiful outdoor setting, musical entertainment, children activities, and a supervised art tent.

When: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 1

Where: 12th and Massachusetts, South Park
Phone: (785) 832-7930
Admission: Free

What: Antique Auto Swap Meet. Trade or sell antique autos or antique parts.

When: 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 7 and 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 8

Where: 21st and Harper, Douglas County Fairgrounds
Phone: (785) 843-4882
Admission: Free

Emporia:

What: Cinco De Mayo. Celebrate Hispanic culture with the whole family. Enjoy carnival rides, arts/crafts, folkloric dancers, food vendors, and live music.

When: Noon to 9 p.m. May 7 and 8

Where: W. South Avenue, Las Casitas Park

Salina:

What: Multi-ethnic festival with games, music, food, and family entertainment.

When: Noon to 5 p.m. May 7

Where: Oakdale Park
Phone: (785) 309-5745
Admission: Free

Wichita:

What: 2nd annual Kansas Artists Gala Concert. Members of WGO's Resident Artist and Young Artist Apprentice Programs perform arias and ensembles from the most beloved operas.

When: 8 p.m. April 30
Where: 225 W. Douglas, Century II Concert Hall
Phone: (316) 683-3444
Admission: \$30-\$90

What: Midwestern Polka Club of Kansas Polkatennial. Continuous polka and variety music, four bands rotating. Church service on May 8.

When: 4 p.m. to midnight May 6, noon to midnight May 7 and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. May 8

Where: 11120 W. U.S. Highway 54, Cotillion Ballroom
Phone: (316) 722-4201

Admission: \$9 May 6 and May 8; \$11 May 7; \$2 if under age 12; three-day package \$25

What: River Festival. 9-day festival with events and activities for all ages including outdoor concerts, arts/crafts, games, traveling exhibits, food, and athletic activities.

When: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. May 6-14
Where: Downtown
Phone: (316) 267-2817 or (877) 934-3378
Admission: \$3 button

Lindsborg:

What: Millfest. Enjoy tours of the 1898 flour mill in operation. Pioneer arts and craft demonstrations, lively traditional music, and great food.

When: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 7 and noon to 5 p.m. May 8

Where: 120 Mill St., Old Mill Museum
Phone: (785) 227-3595
Admission: Adult \$2; children 6-12 \$1

Newton:

What: Kansas Sampler Festival. This festival provides the public a sample of what there is to see and do in Kansas focusing on Kansas communities. Entertainers, food, living history, and Kansas manufactured products.

When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 7 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 8

Where: 1st and Grandview, Athletic Park
Phone: (316) 283-2560 or (800) 899-0455

Admission: Adults \$5; children 7-14 \$3

Hutchinson:

What: Smothers Brothers. Making their first professional appearance in 1959, their lengthy career has surpassed all other comedy teams in history. The Smothers Brothers bring humor, warmth, showmanship and pure unadulterated joy to audiences of all ages.

When: May 11
Where: 18 E. 1st, Historic Fox Theatre
Phone: (620) 663-5861 or (877) 369-7469

Admission: \$21, \$23, \$25

Alma:

What: Native Stone Festival. 5K walk/run followed by serving of Mulligan stew with old-time live music.

When: All day May 7

Where: City Park
Phone: (785) 765-3327
Admission: Free

K-State hosts first Fan Fest

Kansas State University

MANHATTAN — The Kansas State University Athletic Department will host the first "Spring Game Fan Fest" sponsored by RC McGraws and Rambler's Steakhouse before the Purple and White Spring Football Game April 30.

The fan fest includes a special Cat Town tailgate concert by Manhattan favorite Dustin Evans as well as the preliminary rounds of the national Pitch, Hit and Run competition for youth ages 7 to 14.

The festivities get under way at 10 a.m. inside Tointon Family Stadium with the start of the Pitch, Hit and Run competition, presented by the Manhattan Jaycees and the Boys and Girls Club.

Evans, who has been a popular

feature act at the Country Stampede, will take the stage in Cat Town at 11 a.m.

Both events are free of charge and will run until 1 p.m. Food and beverages will be available for purchase inside Cat Town. Fans will also have the opportunity to purchase advance tickets for the 2005 Country Stampede at a special "K-State Spring Game" discount price.

The centerpiece of the day's festivities, the annual Purple Football Game, follows at 1:10 p.m. at KSU Stadium, with Pepsi distributing a limited number of samples of its new product, Pepsi Lime, after the scrimmage.

Season ticket information for the 2005 football season will be available inside KSU Stadium during the spring game. Fans who purchase season tickets at the scrimmage will be entered in a drawing

to win free 2005 K-State football season tickets.

Evans then rounds out the day with an additional concert that night at RC McGraws, beginning at 9 p.m.

Tickets for the scrimmage are on sale now and fans are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance to avoid lines on game day.

Spring game tickets are priced at \$5 for adults and \$2 for K-State students and youth 18 and under.

Proceeds benefit the Friends of Hale Library program, the K-State Leadership Studies program and the Anthony Bates Memorial Fund. Tickets may be purchased at the Athletics Ticket Office in Bramlage Coliseum by calling 1-800-221-CATS or by ordering on-line at www.k-statesports.com.

Those fans purchasing tickets in advance for the spring football game may present them at the Kansas State vs. Kansas baseball game April 29 at Tointon Family Stadium and be admitted to the baseball game for just \$1. First pitch for the Kansas State vs. Kansas baseball game is 6:30 p.m.

Fan Fest events



April 29
6:30 p.m. — *K-State baseball vs. Kansas at Tointon Family Stadium (Bring a Spring Game ticket and get in for \$1)*

April 30
10 a.m. to 1 p.m. — *National Pitch, Hit, and Run Contest at Tointon Family Stadium*
11 a.m. to 1 p.m. — *Dustin Evans, live in concert at Cat Town*

1:10 p.m. — *Purple and White Spring Game at KSU Stadium*
9 p.m. — *Dustin Evans, live in concert at RC McGraws*

Vietnam vets invited to Branson tribute

By Gerry J. Gilmore

AFPS

WASHINGTON — An army of Vietnam War-era veterans is expected to march into Branson, Mo., and the surrounding area to attend June 13-19 tributes and celebrations of their military service, according to event promoters.

The corporate and privately sponsored event marks the 30th anniversary of the end of the war, said Paul Wannenmacher, a Springfield, Mo., entrepreneur involved in publicizing "Welcome

Home America: America's Tribute to Vietnam Veterans." The Vietnam War was fought from 1962 to 1975.

"It's time that we gave honor to the Vietnam veteran who served bravely," Wannenmacher said. Because of the socio-political events prevalent during that war, he recalled, much of the American populace scorned Vietnam veterans when they returned home from Southeast Asia.

The Branson festivities, Wannenmacher noted, will include a parade, military reunions, award ceremonies, a golf outing, a fishing

tournament, vintage-aircraft displays and concert performances featuring artists like the Beach Boys, the Fifth Dimension, the Doobie Brothers, the Supremes with Mary Wilson, the Oak Ridge Boys, Tony Orlando, Les Brown Jr., and famous actress-singer-dancer Ann-Margret.

Veterans Affairs Secretary R. James Nicholson, an Army Vietnam veteran, and former U.S. Air Force radio DJ Adrian Cronauer, who originated the phrase "Good morning, Vietnam!" also are slated to attend the event.

The \$100 per adult registration

fee and \$50 fee for each child 13 to 17 years of age enables event-goers to use arranged transportation to attend major event venues, Wannenmacher said.

However, "if you choose not to pay the registration fee, certainly all the other activities are open to you at no charge," he pointed out.

Branson "is a great place to honor veterans," Wannenmacher pointed out, noting its residents celebrate military veterans' service "24 hours a day" on a yearlong basis.

"It's a veteran-friendly community," he said.

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